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September 2006 Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

September has started the school year with plenty of concerns to remind everyone on campus to be aware of their surroundings and to protect their belongings. While dorm thefts are down substantially from September 2005's high of 20 burglaries, it is only a slight decrease from the average for the month of September over the years. Bike thefts, on the other hand, are about average for the month of September. This is a disappointment, considering the low number of bike thefts in August. As usual, the majority of the bicycles that were reported stolen were locked with cable locks, and a number of them were completely unsecured. There have also been a number of vandalisms to vehicles, including several reports of side mirrors being broken off of cars.

Of even greater concern than the continued property thefts are the crimes against persons. Throughout September, and continuing into October, there have been a number of incidents related to the presence of disruptive off-campus subjects at parties. Groups of off-campus

subjects have been reported wandering from dorm to dorm on weekends, attempting to start fights. At least two such subjects were arrested during September, although frequently the subjects flee from officers or reporting students choose to not press charges. One student reported being attacked by a large group of unknown subjects, likely from off-campus, although he declined to file a report.

In addition to the assaults and batteries, there was one reported rape during September. The victim was transported to the hospital for alcohol-related reasons, and later filed a report with the Claremont Police Department. At the beginning of October, there was also a suspicious circumstance that may have been an attempted rape. Thankfully, the victim screamed, and the potential assailant fled off-campus before any physical harm was done. The assailant was described as a Hispanic male, approximately 5'6" tall, stocky build, with short dark hair and a moustache. While it is encouraging that victims are willing to come forward and file reports in these distressing circumstances, it is also a reminder that the Claremont Colleges have the same security concerns as any other college. Prompt reporting always increases the chances of locating any perpetrators or suspicious persons, and allows Campus Safety and your campus to assist you with any medical or emotional response that is needed.

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September 2006 Selective Incident Summary, September 1—31

- A student reported that his wallet, including ID cards and cash, was stolen from the basketball court inside an athletic center.
- An R.A. reported several males pushing over fencing at a construction site. Campus Safety officers responded, and made contact with one intoxicated male. He contacted his friends, who also returned to the scene. The dean of the college banned all four subjects for the remainder of the year.
- At 0048 hours, a Campus Safety officer reported an intoxicated subject exiting a wilderness area. The subject claimed to be an alumnus, and was hosted by a student. They were advised that the wilderness area is off-limits after dark. The alumnus was later seen driving erratically, and almost hit pedestrians crossing the street. The Claremont Police Department was advised of the circumstances, and they responded.
- A student reported that her purse, including a cell phone, credit cards, and ID, was stolen from a parking lot.
- A Campus Safety officer reported five students smoking marijuana from a bong. R.A.s responded and confiscated the bong.
- A student reported that her purse was stolen from a common area lounge where an event was being held.
- A Campus Safety officer reported two subjects trying to push a golf cart down a hill into a crowd of students. One subject fled, and the second was determined to be a student. The student was escorted to her room.
- A student reported three subjects harassing women. Campus Safety officers responded and the subjects fled. An R.A. on a different campus later reported the same subjects trying to gain entry to a dorm. A second R.A. reported that the three subjects offered her a ride, and when she refused, asked her if she wanted to be raped. She was unable to give a description of the subjects.
- An R.A. reported three intoxicated males being belligerent and threatening. The subjects were later seen at the student apartments. Campus Safety and CPD officers responded. One subject was cooperative and left the area. The other two subjects fled.
- A student reported two males threatening students near a dorm. Campus Safety officers responded and located the two off-campus subjects. They were warned about private property and were escorted off campus.
- A Campus Safety officer reported an intoxicated male sleeping in an athletic center restroom. The subject claimed to be a student, then claimed to be visiting a student. Claremont Police officers responded, and the subject was escorted to his vehicle.
- A student reports that the passenger side mirror was removed from her vehicle while parked in a dorm parking lot.

- A student reported that, at approximately 0300 hours, he awoke to find a nude male sitting in a chair next to his desk. The student talked to the male, and then took him back to his room. The deans were notified and a report was made.
- A student reported three subjects walking past dorms making obscene comments. Campus Safety and CPD officers responded, and two subjects were arrested for being drunk in public and for being uncooperative.
- A student reported a flat-screen computer monitor was stolen from a locked student center.
- A student reported that his bicycle, which was locked with a cable lock, was stolen from near his dorm.
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- A student reported that her bicycle and the cable lock that was securing it were both stolen from near her dorm. The student later called back and reported that Maintenance had confiscated the bike.
- A staff member reported that his cable-locked bicycle was stolen from a rack near an administrative building.
- A student reported that a vehicle sped through a parking lot and almost struck her. The vehicle was located, and the issue was referred to the deans.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a student inside a party with a glass bottle of alcohol. The student fled from officers, and when stopped, she threw the bottle at an officer. The dean responded and handled the situation.
- A staff member reported that his unlocked bike was stolen from near an academic building. After reviewing surveillance tapes, the staff member reported that a suspicious male, seen on the tapes, was still in the building. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded. The male admitted stealing the bicycle, which was subsequently recovered.
- A staff member reported that several tiles containing asbestos were illegally dumped near a facilities lot. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded. The materials will be disposed of appropriately.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen from a rack in a dorm. The student advised that the bike had a cable lock, although he did not know if he had locked the bike with it.
- Several students reported a group of off-campus males trying to start fights near dorms. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded and located the subjects. The reporting students did not want to press charges, so the subjects were warned of private property boundaries, and were escorted off campus.
- An anonymous party reported that a group of students were trying to force a golf cart into a dorm. Campus Safety officers responded, and discovered a damaged stolen golf cart, which was returned.
- A student reported that his bicycle, which was locked with a cable lock, was stolen from a bike rack near his dorm.

- A student reported a young white male, possibly casing bicycles. Campus Safety officers responded and the subject fled. The reporting party said that she saw him take items from a dorm. Claremont Police officers responded and met with a victim, but he did not want to press charges. The boy was warned to not return to campus, and was also advised that his theft had not gone unnoticed.
- A Campus Safety officer reported three subjects near a construction site, possibly stealing materials. Claremont Police officers responded, and two of the subjects were arrested on warrants. The third subject claimed to have permission to remove the scrap items, and was released with a warning. The officers later met with the construction supervisors, who reported that no permission was given, and Claremont Police agreed to conduct an investigation.
- An R.A. reported that a student was stopped and propositioned by an older male, approximately 45-50 years of age, driving an older full bodied champagne colored car.
- A student reported that his bicycle, which was locked with a cable lock, was stolen from the rack in front of his dorm.
- The father of a student reported that while his daughter was traveling to school from off campus, she called and stated that someone was following her. She described the subject as a white male with tattoos and a beard, driving an older blue car. A Campus Safety officer and a dean responded. A Claremont Police officer later responded and agreed to follow-up on possible leads.
- A hall director reported a short, white male, with a brown beard, with tattoos all over his body, wearing a tank top & blue plaid PJ bottoms wandering around a dorm. Campus Safety officers responded and located the off-campus subject, who claimed to be visiting a friend. At the dean's request, the subject was warned about private property boundaries, and was escorted off campus. It was later determined that the subject was an arrested suspect in a burglary/grand theft auto on another campus. The Claremont Police Department reported that the subject had two outstanding warrants, and was to be arrested if found on campus.
- A student reported that the rear panel of her vehicle was kicked in while parked on campus.
- A student reported that his wallet, keys, and iPod were stolen from his unlocked dorm room. The student later reported that the items had been recovered, and that his roommates were playing a prank.
- A student reported that his unsecured bicycle was stolen from near a campus eatery.
- A student reported a group of off-campus subjects drinking and smoking marijuana near a dorm. Campus safety officers responded, but the subjects had already left the scene.
- A student reported that her vehicle was vandalized while parked on a campus street. The passenger side mirror was broken off of the vehicle, and the passenger side door had a three foot scratch and a 1/4" dent.

- A Campus Safety officer reported two subjects smoking marijuana. One subject was a student, and the other was his guest. The dean responded and confiscated and destroyed the marijuana.
- A student reported four males sitting on a railing near a student apartment and being belligerent. A Campus Safety officer responded, and determined that the subjects were an employee from another campus and his guests. They were escorted out of the area.
- An anonymous party reported a hysterical student in a dorm restroom. Campus Safety officers responded, and requested Claremont Police and LACFD response as well. The female student was crying and said “Something happened to me tonight” but could not tell the officers what had happened. She was transported to the hospital, and later reported having been raped. Claremont Police officers have been following up with the student.
- A student reported that his vehicle was hit while parked in an academic building parking lot. The front passenger side wheel well has a 2 ½ inch dent with paint damage.
- A dining hall employee reported that his vehicle battery was stolen while he was at work.
- A student reported that his cable-locked bicycle was stolen from near his dorm.
- A student reported an intoxicated male tried to enter her suite. When his slide card did not grant him access, he tried to break in through a window. Campus Safety officers arrived, but the subject left the area prior to their arrival.
- A student reported that a beer keg was stolen from a locked student apartment. The perpetrators removed the window screen to gain access.
- A student reported that someone tipped over his motorcycle while it was parked near an athletic center.
- A building attendant reported that her golf cart was stolen from near a facilities building. The cart was later recovered on a different campus.
- An anonymous party reported students burning items in the middle of the street near a dorm. Campus Safety officers and the R.A. responded, but were unable to locate any fire. The students dispersed.
- A student reported that 10-12 unknown males “jumped” him and beat him up. He reported that he had only vague descriptions of the subjects, and Campus Safety officers were unable to locate them.
- An athletics coach reported that a dugout had been vandalized with spray painted pictures.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a white male, in his 30s or 40s, light shirt, blue pants, glasses, who was seen earlier looking to vehicles and at bike racks. He had previously been stopped and warned about private property rights, and was arrested for trespassing.
- An R.A. reported several off-campus subjects trying to start fights near a dorm. Campus Safety officers responded and the subjects fled. They were later located at another dorm, again trying to start a fight, and they fled off-campus when approached.

- A Campus Safety officer reported seeing a vehicle sitting at a green light near a campus border. The vehicle then drove onto campus and struck a set of fire bollards. Claremont Police officers responded, and the driver was arrested for driving under the influence.
- A student reported that two laptops, a wallet with credit cards, an iPod, three watches and a backpack were stolen from an unlocked dorm room.
- An off-campus guest reported that her tan basket-weave purse was stolen from on top of her vehicle's trunk over the span of approximately two minutes while it was parked on campus.
- A student and a faculty residence reported an unauthorized party with participants vandalizing lights. Campus Safety officers responded, and discovered several light coverings broken. The R.A. and the on-call dean both responded, and the party was shut down.
- A student reported that her cell phone was stolen from an unlocked dorm room, and has been used since the theft. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded and took a report.
- A student reported that his Razor scooter was stolen from the exterior of his dorm. He declined to file a report.
- A student reported that his laptop computer was stolen from an unlocked custodial closet.
- A facilities director reported that assorted materials had been illegally dumped near a research center. City Yards was advised to handle the clean-up.
- A student reported that his unlocked bicycle was stolen from near a campus store.
- A student reported that her bicycle, which was chained to a set of bleachers, was stolen.
- A Campus Safety officer reported two male subjects crouching behind a pick-up truck. The subjects were identified as temporary employees. After they returned to work, the officer discovered a drug pipe smelling of marijuana. The Human Resources Office was notified.
- A student reported that a friend stole her phone. A Campus Safety officer and an R.A. responded. The phone was later found in an athletic center lost and found.
- A student reported that his iPod was stolen from his dorm room, which was left open during a hall party.
- A student reported that her car was hit while parked in a dorm parking lot. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded and took a hit-and-run report.
- A grounds director reported finding a potted marijuana plant hidden in some bushes in a wilderness area. The plant was destroyed.
- A Campus Safety officer reported two intoxicated subjects attempting to steal equipment from a football field. The subjects were identified as a student and his guest. They returned the equipment, and were escorted to the student's dorm.

- A student reported a possibly intoxicated woman wandering through campus. A Campus Safety officer responded and the woman reported that a man in a red truck had dropped her off on campus, and stolen her purse and belongings. She stated that she did not want to press charges. A Claremont Police officer responded, and escorted her off campus.
- A Campus Safety officer reported that a student was fighting with student security and himself at a party. The student fled the party, but later returned and was identified.
- Don't front-load or drink heavily before going to parties. Such habits frequently result in alcohol-related transports, and leave you vulnerable to potentially dangerous situations.
- Report disruptive or unaccompanied off-campus subjects. All subjects, particularly at parties or hanging around dorms, should be hosted by a student who is with the guest at all times.
- Likewise, do not agree to host an off-campus subject who you do not know and trust. Hosting a subject means that you agree to take responsibility for his or her actions while on campus, and can result in sanctions if problems arise.
- Immediately cancel all credit cards, cell phone plans, Claremont Cash, and any other items that could be used fraudulently if your wallet is stolen. Do not store your Social Security card inside your wallet, and if it is stolen, immediately report the theft to the Social Security Administration at www.ssa.gov.
- If you have witnessed or having information about a crime, but do not want your name to be associated with the report, there is a form on the Campus Safety website (www.cuc.claremont.edu/cs) that allows for anonymous reporting. Once the form is sent, it will be delivered directly to a Campus Safety supervisor for follow-up.

Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- If you are the victim of a crime, whether against your person or your property, report the situation to Campus Safety immediately. Depending on the time frame, officers may be able to locate the perpetrator. Even if too much time has passed to locate the suspect, it is likely Campus Safety, in conjunction with the Claremont Police Department, may be able to respond to obvious trends, or connect your case to another one where a suspect is known.
- Do not travel alone at night, in isolated areas, or anywhere that you feel uncomfortable. Campus Safety provides 24-hour safety escorts, and each campus provides student escorts during specific days and times as well.
- Go to parties in groups, and take responsibility for each other's safety. Come together, leave together, and keep an eye on each other during the party in order to prevent inappropriate situations or the possible use of date rape drugs.

September 2006 Statistics

Crimes Against Persons	
Annoying Call	0
Assault	0
Assault w/Deadly Weapon	0
Battery	0
Disturbance	0
Hate Crime	0
Indecent Exposure	0
Prowling	0
Rape	0
Robbery	0
Sexual Assault	1
Other	0
Crimes Against Property	
Arson	0
Burglary	4
Theft (from vehicle)	1
Theft (Bike)	11
Theft (from building)	4
Theft (Other)	2
Grand Theft Auto	0
Trespass	1
Vandalism	5
Other	3*
Arrests	7

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