

# The Claremont Colleges

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## April 2007 Crime and Incident Report

### Trends and Analysis

Unfortunately, April has seen a dramatic increase in property thefts across the board. The greatest increase was in thefts from vehicles, jumping from 3 in March—and only 2 in April of last year—to 12 in April '07. Part of this increase can be attributed to a spree of vehicle burglaries that were almost certainly related, involving at least five vehicles with similar timeframes and items stolen. Since a number of the vehicles burglarized were locked Hondas, mainly Accords, there is a possibility that the theft of a locked Honda Accord during the same timeframe may also have been related. Even taking into account that some of the auto burglaries may have been related, the number of thefts from vehicles remains remarkably high. Several of the vehicles had shattered windows, and there is no indication at this point that any of those vehicle burglaries were related.

The number of bicycle thefts this month has more than doubled from last month. The majority of these bicycles were locked with cable locks, which were cut or taken with the bike. Fully a third of the stolen bicycles were left

unlocked. Only one vehicle had been locked with a U-lock. That bicycle was locked by the front wheel, which was left when the rest of the bicycle was stolen. As has been confirmed before, a solid U-lock is the best preventative measure against bike thieves.

### April 2007 Selective Incident Summary, April 1—31

- A student reported a vehicle burglarized in a dorm parking lot. The driver's side window was broken and a wallet containing miscellaneous credit cards, 21 dollars US currency and bottled Dasani water were stolen. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and were able to lift viable fingerprints.
- A student reported that her breasts were grabbed by two off-campus males while she was at a different campus. A Campus Safety officer and an R.A. responded, but the victim declined to file a report.
- A student reported hearing a man screaming and the sound of thumping on the walls. Campus Safety officers and professional staff responded. The resident of the room advised that she and her boyfriend were having an argument, but that no one was struck.

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- An employee reported that his unlocked bicycle was stolen from near a dorm.
- A student reported that her bicycle, which was locked with a cable lock, was stolen from near an academic building.
- A prospective student reported that her purse was stolen while she was on a campus tour. The purse was later located and returned.
- A student reported that a CD case containing approximately 100 CDs and a pair of sunglasses were stolen from his locked vehicle, possibly while it was on campus.
- An R.A. reported that a resident's dorm room was broken into. Nothing was stolen, but the blinds were damaged.
- A student reported that her television was stolen while she was out of the country, and that she is aware of who took it. She later reported that she had reached an agreement with the thief in order to get her television back.
- A student reported that her locked vehicle was stolen from a lot near a dorm. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded and took the report. The vehicle was later found off-campus, in a damaged condition.
- A student reported that her laptop was stolen from her unlocked dorm room during a dorm evacuation.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a verbal confrontation between two intoxicated students at a party regarding a plastic bat. The subjects were separated.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a student burning fliers posted on a dorm. The student gave a false name, and an R.A. responded and identified him.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a physical confrontation with injuries. Two subjects fled the area, and responding officers were unable to locate them.
- A student reported a group of 10-12 off-campus males trying to start fights with students. A female student reported the same group following her. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded and located the subjects. They were warned about private property boundaries, and were escorted off-campus.
- A student reported that his girlfriend was knocked down and kicked while at a party. The victim declined to file a report.
- An anonymous subject reported either a fight or a party in a dorm basement. Campus Safety officers responded, and located several subjects with hoods on their heads involved in a fraternity initiation. The dean on-call was notified and responded to the scene.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen. He stated that he would file a report the next day, but did not.
- A student reported that three clarinets, along with accessories and sheet music, were stolen from two locked lockers in an academic building.
- An employee reported a physical confrontation between two off-campus females in the parking lot of a facilities building. Campus Safety officers responded, but the subjects had already left the area.
- A facilities director reported that an auditorium was vandalized with green paint and black lines.

- An employee reported that a golf cart was stolen from where it was parked by an academic building. Claremont Police and Campus Safety officers responded, and a grand theft auto report was taken. The cart was later found at a different campus, and the owner took possession.
- A contractor reported that an electrical distribution box and 250 feet of copper electrical cable were stolen from a construction site. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded.
- A hall director reported several subjects joyriding in a stolen golf cart. A responding Campus Safety officer found the cart abandoned, and took it for safekeeping. The owner later claimed it.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a male standing near a truck. The subject fled upon seeing the officer. Claremont Police officers responded, and the subject was located and arrested off-campus for public intoxication and resisting arrest.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a student with a knife on his waistband. Professional staff was advised, and the hall director confiscated the weapon.
- A student reported that a male subject stole his ice chest. When he confronted the subject, the subject returned the chest, but the student requested to press charges. Campus Safety officers responded, but the subject had fled off campus in a vehicle.
- A facilities director reported three large banners stolen from their display near an auditorium.
- A student reported that her car stereo console was stolen from her locked Honda Accord.
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- A student reported that her car stereo and center console, including the heater, were stolen from her unlocked Ford Taurus.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen from outside his apartment. The cable lock that was securing it was severed and left at the scene. Another bicycle was abandoned in the same area.
- A dean reported that a student was stopped off campus by an older male, gray hair, chubby, with a signet ring. The subject tried to coerce the student into his newer model gray/silver sedan, unknown make or model, unknown plate, leather interior and California plates. The student fled and was unharmed.
- A student reported that his car stereo, speakers, and emergency supply kit were stolen from his locked Honda Civic.
- A facilities employee reported that a white pick-up truck with a tow hitch entered a facilities compound and attempted to attach the hitch to another employee's vehicle. When the subjects were approached, they fled off campus. A Campus Safety officer responded, but the employee waited approximately 30 minutes to make the report, and the subjects had already left the area.
- A student reported that his bicycle and the cable lock that was securing it were stolen from a rack outside of a dorm.

- A student reported that his unlocked bicycle was stolen from an exterior dorm courtyard within a five minute time frame.
- An R.A. reported having confiscated a bong.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a vehicle that appeared to be burglarized. The owner responded, and confirmed that the car stereo had been stolen from her locked Honda Accord.
- A student reported a vehicle with a window shattered. The owner was contacted, and she confirmed that her vehicle was burglarized. The rear driver's side window was shattered and an empty box was taken out. The driver's door and lock were also damaged.
- A supervisor reported that an employee's vehicle was burglarized. Taken from the trunk of a locked Honda Accord was a black backpack purse containing checkbook with blank checks, documents, an ATM card, and cash. Taken from the glove compartment were bank documents. The victim reported that her ATM card had already been fraudulently charged. Claremont Police and Campus Safety officers responded for a report.
- A student reported that his unlocked bicycle was stolen from outside his dorm over the course of a half-hour.
- A dean reported a subject trying to sell bongs at a party. A Campus Safety officer responded and located the subject, who agreed to stop trying to sell the items, which he stored in his vehicle.
- A student reported that a black male, 6' wearing a pink button down shirt and baseball hat, had taken the screen off of her dorm window and was trying to enter her room when she entered the room. The subject then fled.
- Several students reported a physical confrontation near a dorm area. Responding Campus Safety officers located five Hispanic males fleeing the area. Students reported that they had claimed to have guns. The victim, who had been trying to separate two females fighting when he was struck in the face by a male, had small cuts and bruising on his face, and wished to press charges. Claremont Police officers responded and stopped the vehicle. Five subjects were arrested for assault, and one was arrested for an outstanding warrant.
- An employee reported that her backpack, containing a purse, wallet, credit cards, ATM card, various gift cards, various gift certificates, a cell phone with car charger & wall charger, Driver's License and cash, as well as a government document, was stolen from her office. One of her credit cards was fraudulently used before she could cancel it. The employee later reported that her backpack was returned to her at her home. When she questioned the subject about it, he jumped a fence and fled. Claremont Police Department was notified.
- A professor reported receiving an email that could potentially be a death threat. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and determined that the email was likely an attempt at phishing. The professor was instructed to recontact Campus Safety immediately if he received any further correspondence.

- A student reported that her iPod and speakers were stolen from a dorm lounge where they were set up for a study break.
- A student reported finding a gun in her closet. Campus Safety officers and professional staff responded, and determined that the weapon was an air pistol. The item was confiscated for safety reasons.
- A student reported that her bicycle, which was locked with a cable lock, was stolen from a rack near her dorm.
- A student reported that the side mirrors on her vehicle were removed.
- An employee reported students trying to light couches on fire. A Campus Safety officer responded, and found a couch with smoldering pillows. The fire was put out.
- A student reported that a phone charger, an iPod transmitter, and cash were stolen from a locked Honda Civic.
- A manager reported that an employee was sent home early, and issued threats against his supervisors. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded.
- A student reported a male pointed a gun at her as she walked by a group in a parking lot. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and located a group of students filming a class project with unloaded BB guns. The reporting student declined to file charges, and the students were given a warning and banned from the campus. The guns were confiscated.
- A student reported that he had placed a deposit with a rental company for an on-campus party, but that the deposit had been returned to an unknown student, rather than to him. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and determined that the situation was a civil matter between the student and the rental company.
- A student reported a verbal confrontation between two subjects. Campus Safety officers responded, and located the males. They were warned, and their hosts took responsibility for them.
- A coach reported that a white male, 5'11", tried to take a bicycle that belonged to the coach. He advised he stopped the subject and took the bicycle back. The subject then left campus. A Campus Safety officer responded, but was unable to locate the subject.
- A student reported that the rear window to his vehicle was broken and a Guess purse containing an ATM card and a driver's license was taken.
- A student reported that his iPod and headphones were stolen from his unlocked dorm room.
- An anonymous party reported several off-campus males trying to start fights. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded and located the subjects. They were warned about private property rights, and escorted off campus.
- A student reported that her ex-boyfriend hit her. Campus Safety officers and the R.A. responded, but the student declined to press charges.
- A student reported that her bicycle and the cable lock that was securing it were stolen from near an academic building.

- A Campus Safety officer reported three students filming with an air soft gun without a safety tip. The dean was advised and the gun was confiscated.
- A student reported that his unsecured skateboard was stolen from outside a dining hall.
- Never attach your ID to your keys. If they are lost, any thief who finds it can use the ID to find out where you work or live and to access the building, and your keys can then be used to gain entry to your office or dorm room.
- As always, Campus Safety provides an anonymous “Silent Witness” program available through the website at [http://www.cuc.claremont.edu/cs/silent\\_witness\\_program.htm](http://www.cuc.claremont.edu/cs/silent_witness_program.htm).

## Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- If you are working or living on campus during the summer months, be particularly aware of locking your personal space areas. Thieves are aware that the campuses are more deserted at this time of year, and will prey more boldly on unsecured areas.
- Likewise, remain aware of your surroundings. If you are working alone or late at night in a building, notify Campus Safety. If you are living in an area that is otherwise deserted, make arrangements with another friend on campus to check in on each other at frequent intervals, in case an emergency arises and you are unable to get help.
- If your car is going to be on campus over the summer, be sure to notify your campus’ dean’s office as well as Campus Safety. Try to park in well-lit lots that have surveillance cameras. Use a car cover to deter theft and vandalism, and be sure to either check on your vehicle daily, or make arrangements with someone remaining on campus to do so.

## April 2007 Statistics

### Crimes Against Persons

Annoying Call	0
Assault	0
Assault w/Deadly Weapon	0
Battery	1
Disturbance	0
Hate Crime	0
Indecent Exposure	0
Prowling	0
Rape	0
Robbery	0
Sexual Assault	0
Other	0

### Crimes Against Property

Arson	0
Burglary	6
Theft (from vehicle)	12
Theft (Bike)	9
Theft (from building)	1
Theft (Other)	2
Grand Theft Auto	3*
Trespass	0
Vandalism	3
Other	0

Arrests 6

\* Includes theft of golf carts.

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