

The Claremont Colleges

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August 2007 Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

The school year has started out relatively well this year. It is not uncommon to see a high number of burglary and theft reports filed at the very beginning of the term, either because of thefts that occurred over the summer and were not discovered until the victims returned to campus, or because of the vulnerability to theft during move-in time. That being said, August had very few crime reports filed even after students returned to campus. The quiet atmosphere that was noted over the summer appears to have been a legitimate lack of crimes, rather than just a lack of reporting.

As the semester has started, a few concerns have been noticed. A handful of serious crimes, which will be included in the September statistics next month, have already plagued the campus. These crimes have occurred on the city streets bordering the campuses, or in campus areas near the perimeter of the colleges. As always, it is vital to be aware of your surroundings both on campus and off.

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Selective Incident Summary, August 1—31

- A Campus Safety officer reported fresh graffiti at a facilities yard.
- At 1601 hours, a conference staff member reported that she saw a dark skinned male subject, 5'8", bald, in a dark blue shirt, hiding in the bushes outside her dorm room at approximately 0030 hours. A Campus Safety officer responded and took an incident report, but due to the delay in reporting, the subject was not located.
- A subject reported a blue Ford Excursion parked in the area of a construction site, possibly casing the area. Campus Safety officers responded and met with the reporting party and the outside security guard posted at the site. The subjects in the vehicle were gone upon arrival.
- A Campus Safety officer reported two students using a circular saw near a dorm. The students were advised of policy and the saw was confiscated.
- A student reported a suspicious white male, approximately 20 years of age, 6'2", wearing a blue shirt and a white hat, riding a BMX bike. The subject appeared to be casing a dorm, and fled when he saw the student. Campus Safety officers responded, but the subject had already left campus.

- A staff member reported receiving harassing faxes containing homophobic and targeted religious messages. The reporting party also included information indicating that this same subject had targeted colleges nation-wide, and was being pursued by Princeton University. A Campus Safety officer responded and filed a bias-related incident report.
- A staff member reported that, approximately one year ago, an alumnus and prospective employee had become agitated and verbally threatening during a meeting. She recently learned that the same subject had likewise been abusive towards other employment agencies, including one affiliated with the college, and had threatened legal action against the college. A Campus Safety officer responded and took an incident report.
- A contractor reported that five 50 foot rolls of copper wiring and two 50 foot extension cords were stolen from an open construction site.
- A student reported that a social room, which had been left locked and alarmed at the beginning of the summer, was found locked but unalarmed, and appeared to have been ransacked. After taking an inventory of the items in the room, the student reported that nothing appeared to have been stolen.
- A staff member reported a transient in the area of a campus center, urinating and defecating near a dumpster. Campus Safety officers responded, but the subject had already fled off-campus.
- A student reported that her bicycle was stolen from near a dorm. The U-lock with cable extension that was securing the bike was also stolen.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen from near an athletic center. The chain that had been used to lock the bike was found in the nearby area.
- A student reported that her bicycle, which was stored in a bike storage area, was stolen over the summer.
- A coach reported that a lock to an athletic field had been cut, and that two aluminum support poles were stolen.
- A faculty member reported that her purse, containing credit cards, identification cards and cash, was stolen from her open office.
- An employee reported that her vehicle was involved in a hit-and-run while it was parked in a campus lot.
- A community member reported that her purse was stolen from the back seat of her car while she was visiting campus. She did not remember if she locked the car.

Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- Do not prop doors open. Dorms are extremely vulnerable to thieves and a propped door is just one less barrier between them and your belongings. Likewise, do not allow follow-throughs into dorms or any other locked buildings. If a person is supposed to be in the area, they will have a way to enter on their own.
- Carry your ID and keys at all times, but do not attach them to one another. Your ID can allow access to your dorm, and then it is only a small step to gaining access to your room.

- Remain aware of your surroundings. If you feel uncomfortable for any reason, contact Campus Safety immediately. Likewise, if you are the victim of a crime, do not wait to contact Campus Safety at x72000. The faster we are notified of a situation, the better our chances of locating the perpetrator.
- If you are working late in your office, the library, or any other area, notify Campus Safety so that we are aware that there is someone in the building. Our Safety Escort program is also available for students, staff, and faculty on all campuses, so call for an escort to your car, dorm, or anywhere else you need to go if you do not feel comfortable making the trip alone.
- Utilize the programs provided by Campus Safety. Register your car (that's required!) and your bicycle. Bring any important or valuable items, such as your cell phone, laptop, or iPod, to the station and engrave your last name and driver's license number.
- Check your vehicle at least once a day. Creating such a habit can protect you from acquiring multiple citations if you are parked in a restricted area, and will also make you more aware of what is happening around your car.
- Campus Safety provides an anonymous "Silent Witness" program available through the website at http://www.cuc.claremont.edu/cs/silent_witness_program.htm. If you have seen or have information about any sort of criminal or inappropriate behavior, please contact Campus Safety. If for whatever reason you are uncomfortable reporting the situation in person, use the Silent Witness reporting form, which is not traced or tracked.

August 2007 Statistics

Crimes Against Persons

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

Crimes Against Property

Arson	0
Burglary	1
Theft (from vehicle)	1
Theft (Bike)	3
Theft (from building)	1
Theft (Other)	1
Grand Theft Auto	0
Trespass	0
Vandalism	0
Other	0

Arrests 0

* Includes bias related incidents where no crime report was filed.

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