

# The Claremont Colleges

The Department of Campus Safety

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## December 2007 Crime and Incident Report

### Trends and Analysis

As frequently happens, the crime report statistics in December reflect fewer crimes than the rest of the semester. Unfortunately, it is difficult to determine if this is a reflection of an actual reduction in crime or just a reduction of people on campus to file the reports for crimes that are happening. There have been a number of unusual incidents, including unsecured windows or doors to dorm and office areas, that resulted in incident reports, and which may render crime reports once students and staff return to the campuses.

Two of the five bikes reported stolen this month were locked with U-locks, normally a safe and reliable way to secure one's bicycle. One of the U-locks was apparently cut with some manner of tool, while the second was defeated by working around the lock, removing the handlebars and slipping the lock off. As always, remember that a good lock is only as useful as the method used to lock it to the bike, and that thieves are more inventive than one might suspect.

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#### Selective Incident Summary, December 1—31

- A student reported that a bicycle she had previously reported stolen was located, unlocked, at a student dorm.
- A student reported that his unlocked bicycle was stolen from a campus athletic field while he was in the area for an hour.
- An eatery manager reported that a student was observed putting a candy bar in his pocket without paying for it. The student claimed he had intended to pay for the item but that his hands were full.
- A dining hall employee reported that someone broke into the dining hall. Food was removed from the refrigerators and scattered, and the grill was used. Additionally, the perpetrator defecated in the onions.
- A student reported that another student was assaulted by her boyfriend, also a student. Campus Safety officers and a dean responded, and the victim reported that her boyfriend had shoved her against the wall and refused to let her leave the room or make any phone calls. The dean responded to the suspect's room, and he admitted to shoving the victim. The dean also confiscated marijuana from his room. The victim filed a police report, and the suspect was arrested.

- A student reported that his black leather wallet containing a drivers' license, debit card, Visa card, and \$40 to \$60 in cash was stolen from a desk drawer in his unlocked dorm room. He also said that he awoke one morning and found an unknown male in his room.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen from near an academic building. The bike was secured with a U-lock, which was cut.
- A student reported that he left a bass guitar in a social room overnight, and it was stolen.
- A student reported that the front tire to his bicycle was stolen while the bike was parked near a dorm overnight. The student declined to file a report.
- A student reported that both tires were stolen from his bicycle, along with a child's seat that was attached. He declined to file a report.
- A student reported that a bottle of fifty prescription Adderall XR capsules and \$60 cash were stolen from her unlocked dorm room.
- A student reported that his bicycle and the cable lock that was securing it were stolen from near a dorm.
- A student reported that his bicycle, which was locked with a U-lock, was stolen from near his dorm. The handlebars were removed to defeat the U-lock without cutting it.
- A staff member reported that her car was scratched on the front driver's side door with an unknown object, a 12" scratch and a 23 inch scratch, while parked near an academic building.
- An R.A. reported an unruly student at a party. Campus Safety officers responded, and reported that the student had assaulted the on-call R.A. Claremont Police officers responded, but the R.A. declined to press charges.
- A dean reported an off-campus male with possible mental problems at the dean's office. Campus Safety officers responded, warned the subject of campus boundaries, and escorted him to his vehicle.
- A student reported that his bicycle and the cable lock that was securing it were stolen from near an academic building.
- A student employee reported an off campus subject causing a disturbance at a coffee bar, claiming that the student poisoned his coffee. Campus Safety officers responded and took an incident report.
- A dean requested an officer stand by while she banned a troublesome off-campus subject. The subject was advised of the campus boundaries and the ban from all campuses.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a group of students trying to transport a keg to their dorm room. Students refused to show identification, and a dean responded and confiscated the keg. The party at the dorm was also dispersed, and a second keg was confiscated.
- A student reported that her roommate's laptop was stolen from her unlocked dorm room. The window was also broken. The next day, the victim reported that when she returned to her room, her laptop had been returned, and the glass from the broken window was cleaned up.

- A student reported that his skateboard was stolen from outside an academic building while he was in class.
- A Campus Safety officer reported three students with marijuana and paraphernalia. The on call dean responded and confiscated the objects.
- An employee reported that a catering van was vandalized, with graffiti painted on the passenger side door.
- A student reported that the hood latch to his vehicle was damaged when someone tried to force it open. Nothing was stolen from the vehicle.
- A student reported that her jacket and keys were stolen from a dorm study room.
- An off campus subject reported that her vehicle was struck by a hit-and-run while she was parked on campus. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded.
- An employee reported that a laptop was stolen from an office. The laptop was found about an hour later.
- An employee reported that the window to a coach's office was shattered and a laptop was stolen.
- A facilities employee reported that an overhead projector was stolen from an unlocked room. Due to the value of the projector, Claremont Police officers responded and filed a report.
- A student reported that his windshield was shattered while it was parked in a campus lot.
- A Campus Safety officer reported three students smoking, possibly marijuana. An R.A. responded and confiscated the marijuana.
- A facilities employee reported four juveniles possibly tagging on a campus wall. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, but the suspects fled off-campus.
- A Campus Safety officer reported two off-campus subjects smoking in a vehicle parked in a campus parking lot. They claimed to be friends with a student who had already left the area, but were unable to provide contact information. One subject had been warned about private property rights earlier in the year. Both were escorted off campus.
- An employee reported a subject sleeping in a wilderness area. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and the subject was warned about private property boundaries.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a dorm room window open and the room possibly ransacked. Campus Safety officers responded but were unable to determine if anything was missing. The hall director was notified, and an incident report was filed.

## Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- Check on your vehicle daily while it is parked on campus. Not only will you be aware of your car and any potential crime risks—vandalisms, burglaries, etc—but you can prevent a build up of parking citations if you happen to park illegally by accident.
- Keep a record of all models and serial numbers for expensive or important equipment. Have this record handy, but not stored on an item likely to be stolen (such as a laptop.)

- Never provide personal or financial information to solicitors. They are not allowed on campus, particularly in the dorm area. If solicitors of any kind are seen on campus, notify Campus Safety immediately.
- Utilize the Campus Safety or Safe Escorts 24-hour safety escorts program if you ever feel unsafe walking to a campus location alone.
- Never carry your keys and your ID attached to the same key fob. Your slide card can grant access to your dorm or office building, and then your key can allow entry into your locked room or office. Likewise, if you live off campus, your driver's license provides your home address, which can be accessed with your keys (as can your car, if you keep your house and car keys on the same ring.)
- 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). 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. For those who have utilized this program, we appreciate your assistance. The information provided is being investigated, and the department is working in conjunction with school administrators to resolve the issues brought to our attention.

## December 2007 Statistics\*

<b>Crimes Against Persons</b>	
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 Battery	0
Other	0
<b>Crimes Against Property</b>	
Arson	0
Burglary	5
Theft (from vehicle)	0
Theft (Bike)	5
Theft (from building)	3
Theft (Other)	1
Grand Theft Auto	0
Trespass	0
Vandalism	3
Other*	2
<b>Arrests</b>	<b>1</b>

\* These numbers reflect crime reports filed by the victims. In some cases, crimes reported in the above incident blotter will not be reflected in these statistics due to the victim's decision to not file a crime report.

\*\* Includes hit-and-runs as well as other violations of the California Vehicle Code.

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