

# The Claremont Colleges

The Department of Campus Safety

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## February 2007 Crime and Incident Report

### Trends and Analysis

The number of bike thefts this month has increased from only two in January to five in February. This number, while more still low, is more typical for bike thefts on campus when compared to years past than the rest of this school year has been. That statistic, however, includes two *attempted*, but unsuccessful bike thefts. In one case, an astute employee saw an off-campus subject attempting to cut a cable lock with a set of bolt cutters, and notified Campus Safety. In the second, the victim returned to her bicycle and noted damage to her cable lock consistent with an attempt to sever the lock. It is unknown why the would-be thief was unable to cut the lock.

Also unusual when compared to the rest of this year is the number of vandalism. Each vandalism targeted a different area, and there does not appear at this time to be any connection between the three incidents.

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#### Selective Incident Summary, February 1—28

- A student reported that her iPod was stolen from a fitness room.
- A Campus Safety officer reported two off-campus subjects passed out near a dorm. One subject became combative, and Claremont Police officers responded. The subjects were escorted off campus.
- A Claremont Police officer reported possible vandalism near a maintenance shop. Campus Safety officers responded and located graffiti.
- A student reported that someone threw a rock through his dorm window, shattering it.
- A student reported that an unknown subject entered her room via an open window. Her belongings were ransacked, but nothing was stolen.
- An employee reported seeing a male subject attempting to cut the lock on a bicycle. When he realized he was being watched, he threw the bolt cutters in a trashcan and fled off-campus. Claremont Police and Campus Safety officers responded, but were unable to locate the subject.
- An employee reported that her license plate registration sticker was stolen while parked in a dorm lot.

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- A student reported that her laptop was stolen from her locked dorm room.
- A student reported that her unlocked bicycle was stolen from near a student eatery.
- An employee reported that the cable combination lock securing her bicycle was tampered with while the bike was parked near an academic building.
- An employee reported that her cell phone was stolen from her unlocked office.
- An R.A. reported that a student punched holes in the wall of a dorm. Campus Safety officers responded and the student reported that he was upset because his iPod was stolen. The on-call dean was notified, and agreed to let the R.A. handle the situation.
- A student reported an off-campus female in a dorm courtyard who refused to leave. Campus Safety officers responded and escorted the female to her vehicle.
- An employee reported that one of the tires on her car was slashed while she was parked on campus.
- A student reported that his bicycle, which was locked with a U-lock, was stolen from a dorm bike rack.
- A Campus Safety officer reported finding a pipe, a lighter, and a baggie filled with marijuana near an athletic complex. An R.A. responded, and the items were stored in the appropriate area.
- A student reported that she woke up and found an intoxicated male in her apartment. A Campus Safety officer responded and located a student in the area. The student was returned to his own apartment
- An unknown subject reported a male touching himself inappropriately at an athletic event. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded. The subject was stopped on a city street, and the Claremont Police officers handled the situation.
- An alumnus reported that camera equipment belonging to the Department of Defense was stolen from a dorm lounge. Due to the value of the items, Claremont Police and Campus Safety officers responded, and the Claremont Police officer took the report.
- A student reported that she returned to her room, which had been left locked, and found vomit on the floor and her bed covers on the floor. The bathroom door that connected her room to the adjoining suite had been left unlocked.
- A student reported that her off-campus ex-boyfriend was in her dorm room, threatening her and throwing items. Campus Safety officers responded and located the subject, but the student refused to press charges. The subject was escorted off campus.
- An employee reported that an off-campus female has been sending her threatening and harassing emails regarding an off-campus traffic collision they had. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded and took a report.
- A student reported that his roommate's bicycle was stolen, and he found it locked by an academic building. The dean on call was notified, and a second lock was placed on the bike with instructions to contact Campus Safety.

- A student reported that two males tried to steal a flag hanging on the dorm. Campus Safety officers responded and located two intoxicated students from a different campus.
- A dean reported vandalism in a dorm lounge, including holes and dents punched into walls and possible sound system damage. It was determined that an authorized party had been held in the lounge, and the matter was referred to the Dean of Students.
- A student reported that two males were trying to access her neighbor's dorm room via the balcony. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and located the subjects. The subjects were escorted off campus.
- A student reported a fight between off-campus subjects and students near student apartments. An R.A. reported that the off-campus subjects may have had guns. Campus Safety officers responded and located the subjects, who fled off-campus.
- A student reported that another student grabbed her and dangled her over the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor balcony in a dorm. The victim reported that the student had sexually harassed and assaulted another student and her on previous occasions. A Campus Safety officer responded, and the appropriate deans were notified.
- A professor reported that several geological teaching samples were stolen from an academic building, along with three laptop computers. The laptop computers were locked with cable locks, which were cut. Due to the total value of the missing items, a Claremont Police officer responded and took the report.

- A student reported that the rear window and the passenger side mirror of his vehicle were broken while the car was parked in a campus lot.
- A facilities employee reported a transient living in a wilderness area. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and the subject was arrested.
- A student reported that her bicycle, which was locked with a cable lock, was stolen from a rack near a dorm.

## Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- If you ever walk into your room or office and find someone inside who does not belong there, call Campus Safety IMMEDIATELY at x72000. Do NOT try to confront the subjects yourself, as they may become violent if they were, in fact, attempting to commit a crime.
- Remain aware of your surroundings, particularly if you are by yourself or in a relatively secluded area. If you are stationary, keep items such as purses or backpacks in your hands or laps, to prevent their being snatched.
- Immediately report any inappropriate behavior, whether a crime or a policy violation, regardless of whether the perpetrator is a student, employee, or an off-campus subject. Do not fail to report someone based on fear of retaliation or social awkwardness. If you have concerns about reporting an incident, 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).

- Remain aware of your surroundings, especially at parties. Thefts off of your person are harder to detect in the hustle and bustle of a crowded party. Likewise, don't set down an item, even just for a minute, at a party where there are people you do not know. It is easy for thieves to blend in to party atmospheres, steal unguarded items, and slip away unnoticed.
- Do not enter pool areas or other alarmed areas when they are closed. These areas are alarmed for a reason, which most likely involves your safety. When Campus Safety officers respond to these alarms, they are expecting burglars, and will act accordingly.
- Do not drive through or park on the interior of the campus. This includes motor scooters, motorcycles, and any other gas-powered vehicle. There is a safety hazard when students are not expecting a vehicle to drive past them, and parking directly next to a dorm or other building is a violation of the fire code.

**Crimes Against Property**

Arson	0
Burglary	4
Theft (from vehicle)	0
Theft (Bike)	5*
Theft (from building)	1
Theft (Other)	1
Grand Theft Auto	0
Trespass	1
Vandalism	3
Other	0
 Arrests	 1

\* Includes attempted thefts

**February 2007 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	0
Other	0

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