

The Claremont Colleges

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January 2007 Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

January has continued the trend of this school year with having fewer crimes reported than in years past. Only one burglary was reported as having occurred during the break, which also indicates that the low numbers for December 2006 were accurate, and not just a result of delayed reporting.

Unfortunately, the crimes that were reported followed the trends that the campuses have seen time after time over the years. Dorm room burglaries were perpetrated against students who left their doors or windows unlocked. Bicycles that were targeted for theft were locked with cable locks. Items left in common areas or social rooms with only a piece of clothing to conceal it made for easy targets. Failure to take basic security precautions is the number one reason why theft is so easy on these campuses, and therefore, why they are targeted by professional criminals.

Selective Incident Summary, January 1—31

- A staff member reported that credit cards and cash were stolen from her office. The cards were later used in a nearby city.
- An employee reported that a dorm room window was broken, and the room was possibly burglarized. Campus Safety officers responded, but were unable to determine if anything was stolen. The student was advised by professional staff to contact Campus Safety after returning to campus from break.
- A faculty member reported that electronic equipment and peripherals were stolen from his office in October of 2006. He did not know if the office was locked or unlocked.
- A student reports that her bicycle, which was locked to the fence of an athletic field with a cable lock, was stolen.
- A student reported that his Segway was stolen from inside his locked student apartment. There were fingerprints on the window, indicating a point of entry, but the responding Claremont Police officer was unable to find any viable prints.

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- A student reported a male who was possibly casing bicycles near a dorm. Campus Safety officers responded, and determined that the subject was under the influence of narcotics and had outstanding warrants. Claremont Police officers responded, and the subject was arrested for the outstanding warrants.
- A grounds manager reported a group of off-campus subjects in a previously vandalized area. A Campus Safety officer responded and warned the subjects of private property rights. They were not vandalizing.
- A student reported that an unknown subject tried to open her dorm room door approximately 20 minutes prior. Due to the delay in reporting, responding Campus Safety officers were unable to locate anyone in the area.
- The Claremont Police Department requested that a Campus Safety officer meet with their officers on a city street that runs through the campuses. A student was stopped on traffic violations and arrested.
- A student reported that her cell phone was stolen from a student center during a dance.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen from near his dorm.
- A student reported that a video game console, two controllers, and a game were stolen from his locked dorm common room. He later reported that he had recovered the property.
- A student reported that her laptop was stolen from her unlocked dorm room.
- A student reported a fight outside of a dorm. A Campus Safety officer responded, and determined that students were engaged in an altercation with a burglary suspect. Claremont Police officers responded, and the subject was arrested. Numerous electronic items were found in the suspect's car, including the above reported laptop. Because the victim of the laptop theft had a record of her serial number, she was able to have the computer identified and returned to her.
- A student reported that beer was poured on his car and the hood and fender of his car were keyed while parked in a campus lot.
- A student reported that his bicycle and the cable lock securing it were stolen from near a dorm.
- A dean reported a fight at an athletic event. Campus Safety officers responded and interviewed both subjects. An injured party declined to press charges, and was transported to the hospital for stitches.
- A student reported that his unlocked vehicle was ransacked while parked in the driveway of his campus-owned house. Nothing was stolen.
- A student reported that his laptop and a mini tape recorder were stolen from a library.
- A student reported that her purse was stolen from an athletic facility.

Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- Do not engage suspects of crimes, even if they are caught in the act. Notify Campus Safety immediately of the situation, and include a description of the subject and any vehicle, as well as the direction of travel. If you must follow the person, maintain a safe distance and stay in contact with Campus Safety to report changes in travel.
- Keep records of the make, model, and serial number of all important belongings and equipment, including cell phones, laptops, iPods, and bicycles. If the items are stolen, there is little chance of getting your items back, even if the perpetrator is caught, if there is no way to positively identify the items as yours. Serial numbers are the best way to do this, although engraving your last name or driver's license number on the item are also helpful.
- Buy and use a car cover. It will prevent random acts of vandalism to your vehicle. They also provide a strong deterrent to theft from vehicles, because they conceal the contents of your vehicle from prying eyes. As always, try to park your vehicle in a lot that is monitored by surveillance cameras, and park it in a well lit section of the lot.
- Remain aware of your surroundings, including the lighting and potential dangerous areas of frequented paths, as well as who is around you or walking the same way. Call Campus Safety or Safe Escorts for an escort if you ever feel uncomfortable about walking alone.

- 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.

January 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

Crimes Against Property

Arson	0
Burglary	4
Theft (from vehicle)	0
Theft (Bike)	2
Theft (from building)	3
Theft (Other)	0
Grand Theft Auto	0
Trespass	0
Vandalism	1
Other	0

Arrests	1
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