

The Claremont Colleges

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June 2007 Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

June was a relatively quiet month, as it has been in years past. The most notable point of the crimes reported in June 2007 were that, of the five burglaries reported, four of them involved locked office areas. Two of the four were in the same building, although at different times. One room that was burglarized is accessible via slide card, but only the victim and the building attendant were shown on slide card records to have entered the area. While some of these office burglaries involved the usual small electronics that are frequently stolen, some of the items stolen were less expected, including a building master key stolen out of a locked desk in a locked office. The theft of these sorts of items makes it clear that we must keep our areas secured at all times, regardless of whether we think we have anything worth stealing, and items likely to be stolen—or useful to a thief, such as keys—should not be left unattended, even in locked rooms or offices.

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Selective Incident Summary, June 1—30

- A contractor reported that a tank of oxygen gas, a tank of acetylene, a tank cart, and machine leads were stolen from a fenced construction site. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded.
- An employee reported that a key was stolen from a desk in a locked office, and replaced with a key for a different building. Maintenance was notified to change the locks to the building.
- An employee reported that his bicycle, which was locked with a cable combination lock, was stolen from near an administrative building. The bicycle was later recovered by the Pomona Police Department, and the thief arrested.
- An employee reported a flatbed electrical golf cart stolen from near a maintenance office. The cart was later recovered on another campus.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a verbal altercation near a wedding on campus. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded. One subject claimed to have been threatened, but declined to file a report.
- An employee reported a laptop computer stolen from a professor's locked office.

- An employee reported two envelopes, including payroll and other financial documents, were stolen from a golf cart that was briefly left unattended.
- A student reported that four males in a vehicle followed her to a campus residence. One male then exited the vehicle and chased a male student into the apartment area with a pipe or bat. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded and met with the male student, but were unable to locate the males in the car.
- A student reported that the convertible top of her vehicle was cut open, and her stereo, purse, credit cards, driver's license, and registration tags were stolen. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded.
- An employee reported a laptop stolen from a locked room in an administrative building. Campus Safety and Upland Police officers responded.
- An employee reported that his bicycle, which was locked with a cable combination lock, was stolen from near an academic building.
- A dean reported that mail containing marijuana, and addressed to a student, was delivered on campus. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and the marijuana was confiscated.
- A student reported that \$5 in change, a Kenwood AM/FM/CD stereo, sunglasses, an ashtray, and a Shell gasoline gift card were stolen from his locked vehicle.
- A professor reported that his bicycle, which was locked with a U-lock, was stolen from near a student center.
- An employee reported that a generator was stolen from a campus owned house that is under construction. He later saw a white male, 5'10, thin build, approximately 22 years old, with dark sandy colored hair and unkempt appearance, looking through the windows of the house. When confronted, the male said, "I usually only take things that are intended to be thrown away."
- A groundskeeper turned in a bicycle, locked to itself with a U-lock, which was found in the bushes of a wilderness area. A student later reported his bicycle stolen from near a dorm. He confirmed that the bicycle was his, and reclaimed it.
- An employee reported that his bicycle was stolen from near an auditorium. The cable lock that was securing the bicycle was cut and left at the scene. A rusty white beach cruiser bicycle was left in place of the stolen bike.
- An employee reported that two computers and a flat screen monitor were stolen from an unlocked dorm computer lab.
- The mother of a student reported that her son's printer and computer speakers were stolen in August of 2006. A Campus Safety officer attempted to contact the student, but was unable to do so.
- A student reported two unleashed pit bulls attacking a small dog. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and the Claremont Police officers captured and took possession of the dogs. At least one person was bitten, in addition to the small dog.
- An employee reported that his PDA was stolen from his locked office. Campus Safety and Upland Police officers responded.

- A professor reported that a laptop computer was stolen from a locked office. He declined to file a report, because the computer was inoperable.
- A conference director reported that two dorm rooms were burglarized, possibly via the unlocked windows. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, although the Claremont Police officer was unable to retrieve any viable fingerprints.
- Do not enter secured or alarmed areas if you are not supposed to be there. Campus Safety officers respond to those alarms as though expecting to find a burglary in progress. Likewise, if you accidentally activate an alarm in an area where you are authorized to be, contact Campus Safety immediately. An officer will still meet with you, both to verify your identity and to assist you with the alarm if needed, but s/he will then be aware that you are in the area.
- 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.

Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- Do not leave expensive or important items in unlocked areas. Likewise, do not leave them in conspicuous places even in a secured area. An iPod or cell phone left on a desk, a purse in a desk drawer or under the desk, petty cash or keys left in the top drawer—all of these areas are common storage places, and conspicuous to a prepared thief. Keep important items on your person, or find unusual—but still secure—places to store them.
- Notify Campus Safety immediately if you see someone who seems suspicious, especially if the person is seen messing with bikes at a bike rack, testing door handles, or any other clearly suspicious activity. If a person enters your office, seems surprised to see you, and makes an excuse about being lost, looking for someone, or anything else of that nature, make note of the person’s description, and call Campus Safety immediately.

June 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	5
Theft (from vehicle)	2
Theft (Bike)	5
Theft (from building)	2
Theft (Other)	1

Grand Theft Auto	0
Trespass	0
Vandalism	0
Other	0
Arrests	1

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