

# The Claremont Colleges

The Department of Campus Safety

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## March 2007 Crime and Incident Report

### Trends and Analysis

Like the rest of this school year, March has been a fortunately quiet month in terms of crime reports.

We are seeing a change in the methods of thieves on campus. Most likely due to better security habits on the part of the campus population, thieves have to go more out of their way to steal property. Of the three burglaries reported, two were perpetrated via open windows. While it is a promising step that the doors to these dorm rooms were locked, it remains just as important to keep rooms and offices completely secured, including closing and locking windows.

Likewise, two of the building thefts involved items left unattended in dorm common areas. All four bicycles that were stolen had been locked with cable locks, which were either stolen as well, or cut and left at the scene. As always, a sturdy lock is crucial to thwarting would-be thieves.

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

- A student reported that his laptop was stolen from his dorm room. The victim reported that his room door was locked, but his window was open without a screen.
- A contractor reported that a stereo and tools were stolen from a co-worker's truck. He was advised to file a report with the Claremont Police Department, due to the truck being parked on a city street.
- A Campus Safety officer reported that her vehicle was damaged in a hit-and-run while parked in a campus parking lot.
- A faculty member reported that a projector was stolen from a private room in a dining hall. The projector was reported recovered three days later.
- An anonymous party reported several holes in the wall of a dorm, along with trash in the area. A Campus Safety officer responded and met with the R.A., who documented the damage. A campus club was scheduled to have a party in the vandalized area.

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- A faculty member reported that a dorm hallway was vandalized. A ceramic statue was shattered, ceiling tiles were partially knocked down, and fliers and posters were pulled down and scattered along the hallway.
- A student reported that her wallet was stolen from inside her purse while it was in the care of her friend. Some ID and gift cards were later returned.
- A student reported that his windshield was broken while parked in a campus lot.
- An employee reported that copper wire was stolen from a facilities yard. He declined to file a report.
- An employee reported that her raincoat was stolen from a locked room in an academic building.
- A student reported that another student may be stalking her, and she feels threatened. A Campus Safety officer and a dean met with the student.
- An employee reported that a male stole a purse from a female and fled off-campus in a red vehicle. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded and took a report.
- A contractor reported that copper wiring was stripped out of three buildings under construction.
- A student reported that her bicycle was stolen from near a dorm. The cable lock that was securing it was cut.
- A student reported that his bike, which was locked with a U-lock, was stolen from a rack near his dorm. The student later reported that he had recovered his bicycle, which he had left locked in a different area than normal.
- A student reported that his guitar was stolen from his car.
- A surveillance operator reported three males looking into and entering vehicles. A Campus Safety officer responded and located the subjects, who were from off-campus. Claremont Police officers responded, and discovered several stolen items in the vehicle. Items were identified as being stolen from students' vehicles and a dorm lounge. All three were arrested.
- A staff member reported that her vehicle was damaged in a hit-and-run while she was parked near a dining hall.
- A dean reported that a golf cart was vandalized near a dorm.
- A staff member reported his cell phone stolen from a bench near the exterior breezeway of a library.
- A building attendant reported two windows were broken, potentially by thrown beer bottles.
- A student reported that his vehicle was scratched while parked in a campus lot. He declined to file a report.
- An employee reported that the ignition to a campus owned golf cart was removed.
- A student reported that \$100, which was left in a sealed envelope, was stolen from a locked dorm room. The student declined to file a report.
- Claremont Police Department reported an off-campus Middle Eastern male in a white car who masturbated in front of a female, and then tried to get her to enter the vehicle. Campus Safety officers were unable to locate him on campus.
- A Campus Safety officer reported hearing voices inside a construction site. Responding officers were unable to locate anyone inside, but did find three pieces of copper that had been moved to the entrance gate.

- A contractor reported five 20' by 3" copper wire piping stolen from a construction site. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded and took a report.
- A student reported that his roommate's girlfriend was in his room, destroying items. Campus Safety officers, an R.A., and a dean responded to the scene, as did paramedics and Claremont Police officers. The girlfriend had a knife removed from her possession, and was transported to a hospital. She was subsequently arrested.
- A student reported that her bicycle was stolen from near a dorm.
- A student reported that the front license plate on his vehicle was stolen.
- A Campus Safety officer reported that a building was vandalized with spray paint.
- A student reported that her purse and digital camera were stolen from the sidelines of an athletic court where she was practicing.
- A building attendant reported three white males broke into the dining hall where she was working, asked if the dining hall was open, and stole a rack of bread. A Campus Safety officer responded, but was unable to locate the subjects. Approximately one hour later, the building attendant recontacted and advised the subjects had returned. The Campus Safety officer responded and located five students. The building attendant identified at least one subject as part of the original group.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen from near his dorm. The cable lock that was securing the bicycle was cut and left at the scene.
- An employee reported that her campus parking permit and several other items were stolen from her locked vehicle.
- A student reported that his bicycle, which was locked with a cable lock, was stolen from near his dorm.
- A student reported that her digital camera was stolen from a desk drawer in her dorm room.
- A student reported that his bicycle, which was locked with a cable lock, was stolen from near his dorm.
- An R.A. reported that a student's laptop was stolen from his dorm room. The perpetrator entered the room by cutting the screen to the unlocked window.
- Two students reported a Hispanic or Middle Eastern male with black facial hair, in his 30's, in a white, "beat up" car with a silver grill followed them from a gym area, and was masturbating in his car. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and determined that the subject is the same one who has been reported multiple times around Claremont.
- A student reported that her dorm room window was broken by a thrown object.
- A student reported footprints on his car, and a dent in the rear bumper. He declined to file a report.
- The Claremont Police Department reported a Hispanic male, approximately 30 yrs. old, dark skinned, wearing a black baseball cap, glasses, and a sweater up to his neck, driving a white 2 door, vehicle with possible black top, exposed himself to a female on a street adjacent to campus.

- A student reported that a banned subject was seen at a campus pool. The student was advised to call Campus Safety immediately if the subject was seen on campus again.
- A staff member reported that his vehicle was damaged by a black SUV that left the scene.
- A student reported that her coat and her purse, containing a cell phone and IDs, were stolen from a dorm lounge.
- Park your vehicle under lit areas in lots that are monitored by surveillance cameras. If your campus does not utilize surveillance cameras, discuss security potentials with your dean, including recommended parking areas.
- 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](http://www.cuc.claremont.edu/cs/silent_witness_program.htm).

## Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- If you witness a crime in progress or suspicious activity, make a note of the description of the perpetrator, what they were wearing, and which direction they were traveling. If the person is in a vehicle, try to record the license plate. Report the incident to Campus Safety *immediately*.
- Register your bicycle with the State of California through Campus Safety. This will record your bike’s description and serial number, and can help get the bike back to you if it is ever stolen. Engrave your last name, driver’s license number (NOT Social Security number,) or some other identifying piece of information on the metal frame. Campus Safety has engravers for use.
- Be aware of your surroundings, especially late at night. If you notice someone following you, or if you are stationary and the same person walks past you multiple times, contact Campus Safety immediately. Emergency phones are placed around all the campuses for this purpose.

## March 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	1
Sexual Assault	0
Other	1

### Crimes Against Property

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

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