

# The Claremont Colleges

The Department of Campus Safety

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## November 2007 Crime and Incident Report

### Trends and Analysis

November has continued the unusual trend of crimes against persons that has been reflected this semester, including the robbery that was mentioned in October's report. Because a number of these incidents involve sexually related crimes against females, an area that has traditionally suffered from lack of reporting, it is difficult to determine if the number of incidents is actually increasing—which of course would be a very troubling situation—or if students are becoming more comfortable with reporting the crimes, which is a trend that the department supports and encourages. As the blotters for both October and November reflect when compared to the month's statistics, however, several troublesome incidents, including an acquaintance rape, have been brought to the attention of Campus Safety and the appropriate Dean of Students' Office. The rape reported this month was allegedly perpetrated by a fellow student, offering a reminder to students to remain aware of their surroundings even when in seemingly safe or familiar surroundings.

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### November 2007

#### Selective Incident Summary, November 1—30

- An employee reported a distraught student in a dining hall. Campus Safety officers responded and the student reported that she had been robbed in her dorm room. Two off-campus subjects entered her unlocked dorm room, showed her a gun, and tied up the student prior to stealing credit and ATM cards. Claremont Police officers responded and took a report. The cards were later used, and the images of the suspects were located on surveillance cameras. Suspects are described as a white male, between 30-40 years of age, and a black, light-complexioned female, younger than the male subject but older than “average” college age, with green eyes or contacts. Both subjects were described as unhygienic, not clean-cut in person or clothing and both had bad teeth – “crooked and rotten”.
- A student reported that his student ID was stolen from an athletic center at a different campus.
- A student reported that a live rat, which was part of an art exhibit installation, was stolen from the gallery. He received an email from four students who claimed to have the rat. Campus Safety officers responded and the appropriate deans were notified.

- A student reported that his bicycle, which was locked to itself with a cable lock, was stolen from his dorm courtyard. An identical bicycle was later found advertised on Craig's List. The victim was advised to follow-up with the Claremont Police Department.
- An acquaintance rape in which both the survivor and the perpetrator are students was reported to Campus Safety. Claremont Police officers and the appropriate dean responded. The survivor received support and follow-up services.
- A student reported a possible confrontation between students and an off campus band. Campus Safety officers responded and found a group of students preventing the band from leaving campus, claiming that a member of the band may have been involved in a sexual assault of a student. The reporting student said that she would file a report in the morning. To date the student has not filed a report.
- A contracted security guard reported three subjects in the area of a student center vandalized a bench and tried to steal a bicycle. Campus Safety officers responded and were able to record the vehicle information as the subjects fled off campus. Claremont Police officers were notified regarding the suspect information.
- A contracted security guard reported four vehicles with broken mirrors.
- A student reported that her windshield was broken while parked near a dining hall.
- A student reported that his unsecured bicycle was stolen from near his dorm.
- A student reported that his vehicle was involved in a hit-and-run while parked in a campus lot. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded.
- A student reported her bicycle and the cable lock that was securing it were stolen from near her dorm.
- A student reported that her purse containing her identification cards, debit card, and fifty dollars in cash was stolen from a dorm kitchen.
- A facilities director reported that a residential storage room was burglarized and a computer monitor, sleeping bag, and two twin beds with box springs were stolen.
- A student reported that her bicycle and the cable lock that was securing it were stolen from her dorm courtyard.
- A student reported that her car CD player/stereo was stolen from her locked vehicle.
- A student reported that his unlocked bicycle was stolen from near his dorm.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a group of off campus subjects in a vehicle with the odor of marijuana. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and one subject was arrested for distribution. The other two subjects were issued warnings and escorted off campus.
- A student reported that several CDs and some change were stolen from her car. The CDs had been turned in earlier by a contracted security guard, and the student identified and recovered them.

- A facilities employee reported two male subjects attempted to take several pieces of wood from a construction site, but were interrupted by his arrival.
- An R.A. reported a strong odor of marijuana in a dorm. Campus Safety officers responded to assist in a walkthrough and the R.A. located the room. Two off-campus guests were escorted off campus.
- A student reported that his laptop and iPod were stolen from his dorm lounge.
- A student reported that his golf bag and a full set of golf clubs were stolen from his vehicle.
- A student reported that his unlocked bicycle was stolen from near his dorm.
- A student reported that his unsecured skateboard was stolen from near a door to as student center.
- An employee reported that a large purse containing credit and debit cards, \$200 in cash, a checkbook, a passport, and social security cards was stolen from her locked vehicle.
- A staff member requested that a Campus Safety officer standby to escort a Claremont Police officer to arrest an employee on a warrant. The subject was arrested without incident.
- A student reported that his bicycle and the cable lock that was securing it were stolen from near his dorm.
- An R.A. reported a group of students joyriding in an electric cart. A facilities employee reported that a golf cart was stolen, and Campus Safety officers located the abandoned cart at a different campus. The employee responded and took possession of the cart.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a vehicle with the windows rolled down and the stereo removed. The Claremont Police Department was notified, and they reported that the vehicle was stolen. A Claremont Police officer responded and recovered the vehicle.
- A student reported that his laptop was stolen from his unlocked room.
- A student reported that a camera and accessories were stolen from his backpack, which he had left in front of a room in an academic building.
- A student reported that she was sexually assaulted while at a campus party. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded. After speaking with the victim and three witnesses, they determined that the victim was digitally penetrated by a college aged male, possibly from off campus, while she was dancing with him and his friend. The subjects are described as one black male wearing a dark shirt with khaki shorts and a taller black male wearing a dark navy blue shirt and light blue jeans. The party was placed on lockdown while the officers searched for the subjects, but they were unable to locate them.
- A Campus Safety officer reported four subjects joyriding on a golf cart. The subjects were students and a guest of the students. They claimed to have found the golf cart abandoned near a dumpster. It was taken to Campus Safety for safekeeping. When the appropriate campus was notified, they reported that the cart was stolen a month ago.
- A parent reported that his daughter's bicycle and the cable lock securing it were stolen from near her dorm.

- An employee reported that a shed containing various gardening tools and equipment was burglarized. He declined to file a report at the time, as a complete inventory had not been finished.
- A facilities employee reported that a large trashcan and ashtray were stolen from outside an auditorium.
- An employee reported possibly gang-related graffiti on an academic building. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded and determined that the chalk graffiti was, in fact, gang related.
- An employee reported receiving threatening mail.
- An employee reported that a table, a chair and two picture frames were stolen from an academic building.
- A facilities employee reported two subjects who removed the gate to a construction area by the hinges. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and warned the subjects.
- A student reported that her unlocked bicycle was stolen from a second floor apartment patio.
- A student reported that her bicycle, which was left outside of a dorm for less than two hours, was stolen. The bike was locked to itself with a U-lock, but was not secured to any fixture.
- A student reported a car with a shattered passenger side window. A Campus Safety officer and the owner responded, and determined that a rock was used to shatter the glass. Nothing appeared to have been taken.
- A student reported that his bicycle, which had been stolen, was locked to a bike rack at a different dorm. The student had not previously reported the bicycle stolen. He locked his own lock to the bike, and said that he would talk to maintenance in the morning.
- A staff member reported that her laptop was stolen from her unlocked office.
- A student reported that his backpack, containing a scientific calculator and a laptop, was stolen from a dorm courtyard. The pack was later found in a dorm lounge with all items intact.
- A staff member reported that three handles were broken off of shed doors.
- An off-campus subject reported that two text books and a sweater were stolen from an academic building.
- A building attendant reported that her cart was stolen. The cart was located on another campus, and the perpetrators fled.
- An employee reported a subject creating a disturbance in a library. When contacted, he advised he was practicing a stand-up comedy routine.
- An employee reported that her vehicle was vandalized, with large scratches along the driver's side of the vehicle.
- An employee reported that subjects gained access to a dining hall and poured sugar, yogurt and chocolate syrup on the floor.
- A Campus Safety officer reported that a gate had been struck by a vehicle and pushed into the middle of a city street. Claremont Police officers responded and took a hit-and-run report.

## Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- Remain aware of your surroundings, even in situations that seem familiar or non-threatening. Never accept an invitation to enter the room of an unknown subject or an acquaintance, and never take a drink that you did not prepare or open yourself. When socializing with persons that you do not know personally, be sure to stay physically close to a group of friends who can monitor inappropriate actions and provide an “out.”
- Do not leave doors to dorms or after hours academic buildings propped open. It may be convenient, but it is also extremely dangerous, and provides access to your personal space to off-campus subjects with no legitimate business.
- Never enter a locked or alarmed area after hours. These areas have restricted access for a reason, most of which relate to your safety.
- 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.

## November 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                    | 1 |
| Robbery                 | 1 |
| Sexual Battery          | 1 |
| Other                   | 0 |

### Crimes Against Property

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Arson                 | 0   |
| Burglary              | 2   |
| Theft (from vehicle)  | 3   |
| Theft (Bike)          | 10  |
| Theft (from building) | 3   |
| Theft (Other)         | 4   |
| Grand Theft Auto      | 1** |
| Trespass              | 1   |
| Vandalism             | 5   |
| Other                 | 1   |

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| Arrests | 2 |
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\* These numbers reflect crime reports filed by the victims. In some cases, serious 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.

\*\* Reflects GTA recoveries on campus as well as vehicles reported stolen from the campus.

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