

The Claremont Colleges

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September 2007 Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

Crimes against property, particularly against vehicles, have increased this year. Burglaries and bike thefts are comparable to last year, and have slightly decreased from 2005 and before. Vandalisms, however, have been increasingly problematic. There has been a rash of broken vehicle side view mirrors across the campuses, and assorted structures and signs have been defaced or damaged. In a number of cases, the victims of the vandalisms declined to file crime reports, and incident reports were filed instead.

There were two grand theft auto reports filed during September, with time frames within a week of each other. Both vehicles were Honda Civics, and were taken from lots bordering on city owned streets. One vehicle was recovered in a nearby city on the same day that it was reported stolen, but the second car has not yet been recovered.

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Selective Incident Summary, September 1—30

- A Campus Safety officer reported that an intoxicated subject ran through a group of freshman, knocking two to the ground. They declined to press charges, and the student was escorted back to his room.
- A faculty member reported that a rototiller and a box of gloves were stolen from an outdoors area. The items were later found concealed in a nearby wooded area near the campus border.
- A student reported that his car was stolen while parked overnight in a campus lot.
- An anonymous person reported two subjects at a party trying to start altercations. Campus Safety officers responded and located the off-campus subjects, who were hosted by a student. The dean on-call was advised and made contact with the host.
- A student reported that he and a friend were robbed while walking on a city street bordering campus. The perpetrator sprayed them with pepper spray, took his female companion's purse, and left the area in a truck. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded. Neither student was injured. The suspect was described as a heavy set white male, 5'9", in a pick up truck.

- A staff member reported that a shed was burglarized and approximately 30 keys to various rooms and pieces of equipment were stolen. The lock and handle to the shed were broken.
- A staff member reported that a wooden box mounted under a water fountain in a dorm was broken, exposing wires inside.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a woman sitting in a vehicle in an academic building parking lot. She claimed to be waiting for a staff member, who reported that she has been harassing him. She was instructed to leave the area.
- A facility director reported a subject removing cardboard from a dumpster. A Campus Safety officer responded and escorted the subject off campus.
- A staff member reported a laptop stolen from a locked office.
- A student reported that the tires to her bike were slashed. A Campus Safety officer responded and discovered three other bicycles with slashed tires.
- A student reported that his car was stolen from a campus lot.
- A student reported his bicycle, which was locked with a cable lock, was stolen from near his dorm.
- An R.A. reported a possible transient wandering around inside a dorm. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded and located a subject matching the description. He denied having been inside the building. The R.A. could not be reached to give a positive ID, so the subject was warned and escorted off campus.
- A student reported that his bicycle, which was locked with a cable lock, was stolen from near his dorm.
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- A student reported that a jacket and two pairs of gloves were stolen from a locked compartment on his motorcycle.
- A student reported that a plastic bag containing 7 textbooks was stolen from her unlocked dorm room while she was moving.
- An R.A. reported a group of intoxicated subjects causing problems and refusing to identify themselves. Campus Safety officers responded, but the subjects had fled. The R.A. later reported that one of the same subjects was in a dorm lounge and was combative. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and identified the subject as a student. The on-call dean escorted him home.
- An R.A. reported a physical altercation at a party. Campus Safety officers arrived and located one student, who claimed that his wallet was stolen. An R.A. identified another partygoer as the person who took the wallet, and notified the officers. The off-campus subject became combative, and a Campus Safety officer used pepper spray before handcuffing him. Claremont Police officers arrived on scene and arrested the subject. The student was also arrested after becoming belligerent with the Claremont Police officers. It later was determined that the off-campus subject gave false identifying information.
- A student reported that her ex-boyfriend, also a student, has been harassing her and sending her disturbing messages.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen from near his dorm. He declined to file a report.

- A staff member reported that a college sign was damaged, and the lettering removed.
- A student reported that his bicycle, which was locked with a chain, was stolen from near his dorm.
- A student reported that he was attacked and beaten while at another campus.
- A student reported that someone may have attempted to use a blowtorch on her u-lock in order to steal her bike. The u-lock and bike rack were both scorched, but the lock was not defeated.
- An R.A. reported three off-campus subjects were involved in a physical altercation with some students. The off-campus subjects fled prior to the arrival of Campus Safety officers, and the injured students transported themselves to the hospital.
- An R.A. reported off-campus subjects involved in a physical altercation with students. He advised that another R.A. was stabbed. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers arrived and arrested the suspect for assault with a deadly weapon. The wounded R.A. was transported to the hospital.
- Students reported two males near a dorm, possibly with stolen bikes. Campus Safety officers responded and located one subject. Claremont Police officers responded and warned the subject of private property rights. The bicycle was confiscated, and Claremont Police advised that they would follow-up if anyone reported it stolen. The second subject was located but fled off campus.
- A grounds employee reported that a bronze statue was stolen from a memorial.
- A student reported that she located a bicycle she reported stolen in August. A friend had stored it in the wrong location.
- A construction superintendent reported some contractors placed a bobcat fork in a pickup truck and left the site.
- A student reported that a banned off-campus subject was seen at a party. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded and the subject was arrested for trespassing.
- A delivery person reported a physical confrontation near a dorm. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded. Two students reported that they were approached by four male subjects in a black vehicle. The subjects attempted to forcibly take the students' scooter, and a fight ensued. One student was struck in the head, but declined medical attention.
- A student reported that his wallet was stolen from his room. He found two unknown men in his room. Campus Safety officers responded and located the unknown subjects, who were identified as a student from a different campus and his guests. The wallet was not located on their persons and the victim declined a response by Claremont Police officers.
- A student reported being awakened by a loud noise. Upon investigation, he found a male in his late 30s crouched in the common area of the suite. The subject claimed to be looking for someone, and left the area.
- A dean requested that Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded for a report of a rape of an under aged victim. No report was taken by the Claremont Police Department, who advised they will contact the dean if they can take the report.

- A student reported that she awoke and found an unknown male in bed with her. When queried, he gave his name and said he thought she was someone else. He then apologized and left. She declined to file a report.
- A student reported that her bike, which was locked near her dorm, was stolen. The cable lock securing it was cut and left at the scene.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen from near an academic building. The u-lock that was securing it was broken and left at the scene.
- A student reported that his iPod was stolen from his unlocked room.
- A student reported that her vehicle was involved in a hit-and-run while parked on a city street near campus. The driver's side view mirror was knocked off and the base was shattered. There was also a long white scratch on the driver's side door.
- A dean reported that a student was approached at a party by an off-campus subject and queried about the procedure to obtain alcohol. The subject then drew a knife and instructed the student to get him a beer, which he did. The subject drank some of the beer, and then left the area. The incident was not reported until three days later.
- A student reported that the side mirror on his vehicle was broken off while the car was parked near his dorm.
- Campus Safety officers reported seeing a male kicking side mirrors on vehicles. When approached, the subject claimed to be a student from a non-affiliated college, and then fled without providing any other information.
- A student reported that her off-campus ex-boyfriend has been making threats via text messages. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded. She was advised to obtain a restraining order.
- An employee reports that she and her husband, who is an employee at another college, have been receiving harassing emails and phone calls from an off-campus subject. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and warned the subject to cease contact with the couple.
- A student reported that her purse was stolen while at a party. All items were recovered except the two cell phones that had been in the purse.
- A student reported that her driver's side mirror was damaged while parked near a dorm.
- A student reported that her bike, which was locked with a cable lock, was stolen from near her dorm.
- A student reported that his vehicle was missing from the parking lot where he parked it. He declined to file a report at that time.
- A student reported that her roommates heard a noise like someone trying to open a window. Approximately five hours later, they discovered that the window had actually been opened, and they called Campus Safety. The responding Campus Safety officer located footprints on the ground outside the window, but the residents did not discover any missing items.
- An employee reported that a window leading to an audiovisual department was broken.

- A contractor reported that the construction sign was defaced. He declined to file a report.
- A supervisor reported that a temporary employee was possibly under the influence of an unknown substance, and was sent home.
- A student reported that her bike was stolen from near a dorm.
- A dean reported that a student was found with 2 jars of marijuana, 1 bag of marijuana and zig zag tubes. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded and met with the student, who declined to answer the Claremont Police officers' questions or allow a search of his room. He was placed under arrest. The Claremont Police officers obtained a search warrant and discovered large amounts of marijuana and drug paraphernalia in the room, along with lists of student customers, cash, and plans for a horticulture humidifier. The student was banned from campus.
- A student reported that someone tampered with and possibly tried to remove her rear license plate. She declined to file a report.
- A visiting athletic team reported that a banner was stolen from an athletic event. They had earlier been approached by six students who told them "You're on our territory." A student later returned the banner and reported having found it near a dorm.
- A student reported seeing an intoxicated student remove a golf cart from near an administrative building. It was unknown if he had received permission to drive the vehicle.

Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- Report suspicious persons, particularly in dorm and parking areas. Do not try to stop or detain anyone yourself, but get a good description and make note of the direction of travel, and contact Campus Safety immediately.
- Be willing to file a crime report if you are the victim of a crime. The Claremont Police Department has access to a number of resources to help resolve crimes. Additionally, failing to file a report can prevent clear patterns from forming in ongoing or multiple similar crimes.
- Never get too close to any type of vehicle that stops to ask you for directions. If you choose to stop and give assistance, maintain a safe distance from the vehicle and continue to watch the occupants while you give them directions. Never turn your back on the vehicle in order to face the location.
- Campus Safety provides an anonymous "Silent Witness" program available through the website at 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.

September 2007 Statistics

Crimes Against Persons

Annoying Call	0
Assault	0
Assault w/Deadly Weapon	1
Battery	0
Disturbance	2
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)	1
Theft (Bike)	10
Theft (from building)	2
Theft (Other)	2
Grand Theft Auto	2
Trespass	1
Vandalism	6
Other	1*

Arrests	5
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