

The Claremont Colleges

The Department of Campus Safety

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August 2008 Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

This year has continued the positive trend of low numbers of reported burglaries in August, even with the high risk period of orientation and move-in. Unfortunately, there was a spike in vandalism, with nine reported cases in 2008, as compared to 1 in 2006 and none in 2007. Most of these vandalisms appear to be related, as several of them included similar references or styles. While it has been confirmed by the Claremont Police Department that the vandalisms are not gang-related, there are indications that the perpetrators are the same people, or have some greater affiliation. In addition to the problems with vandalism, the campus community had another reminder this month that it is not shielded from the greater world. An employee discovered an off-campus subject masturbating in front of a female student in the area of a dining hall. The subject was driving a gray hatchback. The primary victim fled the scene and was never located. The employee's quick thinking and direct action

allowed her to gather enough information that the perpetrator was able to be identified by responding police officers.

August 2008 Selective Incident Summary, August 1—31

- An employee reported that a wallet reported stolen several months ago was located wedged in an exterior staircase at another campus. Her license and two credit cards, which have had fraudulent charges, were missing from the wallet.
- A contractor reported that several tools and construction equipment were stolen from a construction site. The lock to the trailer was also broken. Due to the value of stolen items, Claremont Police officers responded and took a report.
- A contractor reported that a hole was punched in the front of a tractor.
- A camp counselor reported that several campers were found in possession of ecstasy, mushrooms, and other drugs. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and one juvenile was arrested.

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- A student reported that a bag of vitamins, prescription medication, and school supplies was stolen from outside a dorm.
- An employee reported that a box of caramel sauce was stolen from outside a student eatery. The employee declined to file a crime report.
- An employee reported that her vehicle was stolen from a lot near an academic building.
- A student reported that a friend's desktop computer was stolen from her locked apartment.
- A student reported that his vehicle was vandalized with scratches while it was parked in a campus dorm lot.
- An employee reported that her office door was found ajar and her items rifled through. A Campus Safety officer responded, but the employee left prior to the officer's arrival.
- An employee reported that an administrative building was shot several times with paintballs. Campus Safety and Upland Police officers responded, but no crime report was taken due to the paint being water-soluble.
- A dean reported a group of juveniles broke into an alarmed area, discharged a fire extinguisher, and opened a bag of sodium bicarbonate, using the powder to write on the ground.
- A Campus Safety officer was struck by a bicyclist, who fled the scene. Claremont Police officers and LACFD responded.
- An employee reported that a student center was vandalized with profanity in red spray paint. A responding Claremont Police officer confirmed the vandalism was not gang related.
- An employee reported smoke in a dorm basement. Campus Safety officers responded and determined someone had discharged a fire extinguisher. Claremont Police officers responded due to the suspects possibly being in the area. Three juveniles were stopped on a nearby city street and were identified as the subjects seen leaving the basement. Two were arrested; one subject was in possession of burglary tools, and the other was in possession of a butterfly knife.
- An employee reported that the plastic cover of a motion detector was broken, and a hose was stolen from an athletic area.
- A student reported that her bike, which was locked with a cable lock, was stolen from near an administrative building.
- An employee reported that an athletic building was vandalized with red spray paint.
- An employee reported that a trash can and a trash can door near a student center were vandalized with black marker.
- An employee reported that her vehicle was keyed while parked in a campus lot.
- An employee reported that a campus sign was vandalized with graffiti.
- Contractors reported that a twelve foot ladder was removed from a residential area where they were working. They declined to file a report.
- An employee reported that assorted personal belongings, including sheets, comforters, pillows, blankets, table lamps, television sets, a boom box, a bike and various kitchen supplies were stolen from an office.

- An employee reported seeing a male subject masturbating in view of a female subject near a campus dining hall. The employee took down a description of the subject and the vehicle, including a license plate, and called Campus Safety. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded. Based on the information from the employee, Claremont Police officers were able to locate the subject, who was confirmed to be a registered sex offender.
- Campus Safety officers responding to an intrusion alarm reported an intoxicated student lying in a golf cart near an administrative building. The golf cart was severely vandalized, with a broken windshield, four slashed tires, sliced seats, and a removed rear view mirror.
- A student reported that a GPS system, iPod, digital camera, laptop computer, and external hard drive were stolen from his locked and alarmed car. The rear window was broken.
- In case of an emergency, call Campus Safety at x72000 or (909) 607-2000. Calling 911 will connect you to someone who does not know Claremont and will not be able to direct responding personnel through the campuses. (Campus landlines show the address of the Telephone Office on 8th Street, not the address that you are calling from.) Likewise, 911 dispatchers require building addresses, not names. Calling Campus Safety allows our officers to respond quickly and assess the situation while guiding emergency personnel to the correct location.
- Remember the good habits that have helped to decrease property theft over the years—always lock the doors and windows to your room or office regardless of how long you will be gone; use a sturdy U-lock rather than a cable lock to secure your bike; don't leave valuables sitting out unattended (in the libraries, dining halls, classrooms, etc) for any period of time.
- 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. 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.

Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- Report any suspicious activities or persons to Campus Safety immediately. Be sure to make note of any identifying information, including a vehicle license plate, clothing description, and physical description of the person.
- Be sure to register your cars and bicycles through Campus Safety. Being able to link a vehicle to an owner is immensely helpful both in situations where a crime has occurred and in more mundane situations, such as if your car needs to be moved for grounds work.

August 2008 Statistics*

Crimes Against Persons	
Annoying Call	0
Assault	0
Assault w/Deadly Weapon	0
Battery	0
Disturbance	0
Hate Crime	0
Indecent Exposure	1
Prowling	0
Rape	0
Robbery	0
Sexual Battery	0
Other	0
Crimes Against Property	
Arson	0
Burglary	2
Theft (from vehicle)	1
Theft (Bike)	1
Theft (from building)	1
Theft (Other)	1
Grand Theft Auto	1
Trespass	0
Vandalism	9
Other	2
Arrests	3

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* These numbers reflect crime reports filed by the victims. In some cases, 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.