

The Claremont Colleges

The Department of Campus Safety

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February 2008 Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

Astonishingly, there were no bicycles stolen during the month of February, based on reports received. Two students did file reports for stolen bikes, but both bikes were determined to have been left somewhere other than where the owner originally remembered, and the bikes were both located. A similar situation occurred with a student's vehicle, which was later found parked near a student gathering area.

Unfortunately, there were a number of crimes against persons, including several physical confrontations and assaults that were never formally reported, and therefore are not included in the end statistics. One student was stopped by off-campus subjects, who threatened him and tried to take his backpack. While his decision to verbally confront the subjects deterred them in this case, it is generally not considered advisable to argue with or physically challenge anyone who is threatening violence.

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Selective Incident Summary, February 1—29

- A student reported that her vehicle was involved in a hit-and-run while it was parked in a campus lot.
- A student reported that her rear bike wheel was stolen while her bike was locked to a rack near her dorm.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a physical confrontation between two students at a party. One student was accused of stealing the other's sunglasses. Both students declined to file a report or press charges. The on-call deans responded.
- An employee reported that several hundred dollars worth of food and utensils were stolen from a locked dining hall.
- A student reported a suspicious male subject inside a dorm. Campus Safety officers responded and made contact with an alumnus who claimed to be looking for a place to stay for the night. He was escorted off campus.
- An R.A. reported that three males attempted to steal a dorm vacuum cleaner. When they were chased by another student, they dropped the machine and fled.
- An employee reported that a ceiling mounted projector was stolen from an auditorium.

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- Based on a complaint, deans conducted a search of a residential suite. Based on the results of the search, Claremont Police officers responded with a search warrant.
- An employee reported two trick skaters. Campus Safety officers responded and determined that the subjects were not affiliated with the campus. Due to a lack of ID, Claremont Police officers responded. One subject was arrested for a probation violation.
- A student reported that her iPod was stolen from an exercise room, where she had mistakenly left it on a machine.
- An employee reported that a large bronze statue was stolen from near an academic building. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a banned subject on campus. He claimed to be on a city street. Claremont Police officers responded, and he was escorted off-campus.
- A student reported that a laptop was stolen from an unlocked dorm room. The door to the room was left ajar.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen from near a dorm. The bike was later located by the owner, parked elsewhere.
- A student reported that cash was stolen from two purses that were left in their unlocked apartment living room.
- A student reported that he was physically assaulted by another student after a verbal disagreement. Some of his personal belongings were also damaged in the altercation. He declined to press charges.
- A student reported three other students making possible homophobic threats in a dining hall. Campus Safety officers responded and located one of the students, who was referred to the dean.
- A Campus Safety officer reported an intoxicated subject acting destructive in a student store. The subject refused to identify himself, and Claremont Police officers responded. The subject, identified as a student, became belligerent with the responding police officers and was arrested on numerous counts.
- A staff member reported, per an R.A., that a dorm room window was broken by an unknown male subject.
- A student reported receiving an email from an unknown subject who threatened to kill her if she did not pay \$15,000. The student was referred to the FBI webpage regarding extortion scams.
- An R.A. reported that the locking mechanism on the window leading to the R.A. desk was removed and the window was left open. Unknown if anything was taken.
- An employee reported that a vending machine in a dorm had the glass broken and several candies were stolen. The campus declined to file a report.
- Several students reported that a vehicle collided into a dorm. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded. The driver of the vehicle reported that his brakes failed and he was unable to stop the vehicle.
- An employee reported a laptop stolen from an unlocked classroom.

- A student reported that his vehicle was stolen from a campus parking lot. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded. The vehicle was later located by a friend of the owner, parked elsewhere on the campus.
- A faculty member reported graffiti on a locker inside an academic building.
- A contractor reported that the chain securing the site fencing was cut and several hundred feet of electrical cords were stolen.
- A student reported three off-campus subjects have been a constant nuisance, and just entered her suite. Campus Safety officers responded and located the subjects, one of whom had several prior contacts with Campus Safety. Claremont Police officers responded and the subjects were escorted off-campus. They were subsequently banned.
- A student reported that two male subjects in a truck drove by a campus construction site twice. One subject then picked up something from the construction site, and they left the area. The same construction site later reported that fifteen spools of copper wire were stolen.
- An employee reported that several tools were stolen from an unlocked tool box on a cart parked inside a fenced area.
- A student reported that his unlocked bicycle was stolen from near a dining hall. A Campus Safety officer later located the bicycle parked on the other side of the dining hall.
- A Campus Safety officer reported that a bronze plaque appeared to have been pried off of a concrete bench near an academic building.
- An R.A. reported an intoxicated and unresponsive male student. Campus Safety officers responded and requested paramedics. Paramedics responded and, due to the subject's combativeness, notified Claremont Police officers to respond. The student was cleared by the paramedics and arrested for public drunkenness.
- A student reported a subject sitting in a truck drinking a beer near an administrative building. Campus Safety officers responded, and located the subject, who claimed to be a student on leave from another of the Claremont Colleges. His name was not in any roster, and he was escorted off campus.
- The Claremont Police Department reported that a student called and reported having been hit in the face. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded. The student changed his story several times and refused to identify his assailant or file a crime report.
- A Campus Safety officer reported a physical confrontation between two students. An exchange regarding baseball teams grew heated, and one student punched the other for calling him a homophobic slur. The battered student declined to press charges.
- A Campus Safety officer reported that a bronze plaque was stolen from an art piece on display near an administrative building.
- An employee reported that a latch on a storage bin was broken open. Nothing appeared to be missing.
- A student reported that his Sector 9 long board was stolen from an exterior dorm courtyard.

- An employee reported that an unknown subject scratched the roof, hood and driver's side doors of her vehicle while it was parked in an academic lot. Scratches on hood had shapes like stars, and some illegible words.
- An anonymous subject reported a suspicious male loitering near a dorm. Campus Safety officers located the subject near an athletic field. Due to a lack of ID, Claremont Police officers responded. The subject was warned of private property boundaries and escorted off campus.
- A student reported that, while on a city street bordering campus, two males in a silver pickup truck threatened him and tried to force him to hand over his backpack. He challenged the subjects and they left the area. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded.
- A Campus Safety officer reported that her vehicle was vandalized while parked in a campus lot. Several scratches were found on both sides, and an insulting message was written in marker. A Claremont Police officer responded.
- An employee reported that her vehicle was “keyed” while it was parked on a campus street near an administrative building. She said this was the second time this year her vehicle was vandalized on campus.
- Park your vehicle in a well-lit area. Check with your campus to determine where the surveillance cameras are located, and park within view of one or, if possible, multiple cameras. Be sure to thoroughly check your vehicle each day, to prevent vandalisms or other problems from going unnoticed or building up.
- Keep your dorm room or office door locked, even while you are inside and especially if you are asleep inside. Do not allow entry to anyone that you do not know, or are not comfortable with. Never leave the room unattended and unlocked, even for a few minutes.
- Always identify yourself when an agent of the college—be it a dean, professor, or Campus Safety officer—requests it of you. You must carry your school-issued ID at all times, and present it when asked.
- Report any unusual or suspicious mail, either physical or electronic, that you feel is threatening, obscene, or otherwise illegal.
- 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

- If someone assaults you, try to make note of their description, or better yet, their name and campus, and be willing to file a report against inappropriate behavior.

February 2008 Statistics*

Crimes Against Persons	
Annoying Call	0
Assault	0
Assault w/Deadly Weapon	0
Battery	1
Disturbance	2
Hate Crime	0
Indecent Exposure	1
Prowling	0
Rape	0
Robbery	1**
Sexual Battery	0
Other	0
Crimes Against Property	
Arson	0
Burglary	4
Theft (from vehicle)	1
Theft (Bike)	0
Theft (from building)	3
Theft (Other)	7
Grand Theft Auto	0
Trespass	0
Vandalism	5
Other	0
Arrests	2

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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.

** Includes attempted crimes where a crime report was taken.