

# The Claremont Colleges

The Department of Campus Safety

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## January 2008 Crime and Incident Report

### Trends and Analysis

There have been several thefts over the past month of assorted memorial plaques, statues, and construction equipment. There does not appear to be any pattern thus far regarding the size or style of the items stolen, although all items have been accessible on the exterior of the buildings. Freestanding sculptures, plaques, and bronze lettering have all been reported missing, from an assortment of locations. As the replacement cost for most of these items far outweighs the scrap metal value for thieves, it is obviously in the best interests of those in charge of such installations to make greater preventative efforts to secure their bronze than thieves are willing to make to remove it. Several tips and suggestions for prevention are included at the end of this report.

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

- A student reported that the fence to a construction area was cut, and she saw someone heave something into the back of a truck and leave the area. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded and determined that one of the locked construction trailers was burglarized, and the lock to a second trailer was partially cut.
- A contractor reported that two females stole a plastic trash bag of leaves and attempted to steal a leaf blower from the back of a truck parked near an administrative building.
- Campus Safety officers reported a transient sleeping in a wilderness area. Claremont Police officers responded, and the subject was warned regarding private property rights and boundaries.
- A facilities employee reported graffiti on a dumpster near a library.
- A staff member reported that several movie tickets were stolen out of an office over the course of two months. Some of the tickets were stolen while the office was locked for the break.
- A grounds employee reported that a locked storage shed was burglarized and multiple tools were stolen. There were no signs of forced entry.

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- A grounds employee reported that a bronze plaque was stolen from an amphitheater. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded.
- A student reported that his bicycle and the U-lock that was securing it were stolen from near an academic building.
- A professor reported receiving harassing phone calls. She was referred to the Claremont Police Department, as the calls were received from off campus. She later declined to pursue a report.
- A staff member reported an irate off-campus subject, looking to apply for a job, screaming in her office. Campus Safety officers responded, but the subject had already left campus.
- An athletic coach reported that, while jogging, a student saw a white male, brown hair, possibly wearing a hat, in his mid 20's, wearing a blue plaid shirt and aviator sunglasses, standing next to a white truck, masturbating. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, but were unable to locate the subject.
- Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded and met with a professor regarding harassing communications he received from an off-campus subject. The professor declined to file a police report, and was encouraged to file for a restraining order. The off-campus subject was subsequently banned from the campuses.
- A student reported a hit-and-run on a city street near an academic building. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded.
- An employee reported that four desk clocks were stolen from a locked office.
- A staff member reported that her tires were slashed while parked near an academic building.
- A staff member reported a banned subject in a library. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and the subject was arrested for trespassing.
- A student reported that her bicycle, which was locked with a cable lock, was stolen from near a dorm.
- A student reported that his bicycle, which was cable locked, was stolen from near her dorm.
- A staff member reported that a bronze plaque was stolen from an exterior wall of an administrative building.
- A contractor reported 200 feet of phone/data cable stolen from a construction site.
- A staff member reported three bronze plaques stolen from academic buildings.
- A student reported that her bicycle was stolen from near her dorm. The cable lock that was securing it was cut and left at the scene.
- A student reported that the rear wheel to his bicycle was stolen from his bike, which was parked near an academic building.
- A student reported that her laundry was stolen from the dorm laundry room.
- A staff member reported that the same banned subject that was previously arrested returned to the library. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and the subject was again arrested for trespassing.
- A student reported receiving harassing phone calls and emails from an alumna.

- A student reported that his iPod and headphones were stolen from a gym. The items had been wrapped in a shirt and left along the court sideline.
- A Campus Safety officer reported that students were seen fleeing a common area building after activating the fire alarm. Upon investigation, the room was covered in discharged fire extinguisher powder. LACFD and the appropriate dean responded. After reviewing the incident, the on-call dean determined that the situation was a bias related incident, due to the location of the damage. Claremont Police officers were later contacted for consultation, and they determined that it did not fit the parameters for a hate crime.
- A contractor reported that the window to his construction trailer was broken and a ring of keys were stolen. Most of the keys were later located near a second building on the same campus.
- Check buildings daily for missing or damaged materials. Report any suspicious activity or signs of forced removal attempts, such as pry marks.
- Keep plaques, statues, and other bronze or copper items well-lit. If possible, secure statues inside during the night, as most thefts happen during darkness. Mount memorial plaques high enough that they are not easily reachable from the ground level.
- Make a particular effort to secure items attached to buildings, such as plaques or metal lettering. Freestanding items such as sculptures should be secured inside enclosures, if they cannot easily be moved inside at night or during other high-risk times.
- Install cameras and motion sensor lights, and post signs announcing the presence of cameras.
- Campus Safety provides an anonymous “Silent Witness” program available through the website at

## Bronze and Copper Theft: Prevention Strategies and Tips

- Make an inventory of all building accoutrements, including detailed descriptions, serial numbers, and values. If a value is unknown, be proactive and have the item appraised or records researched for values. If possible, engrave identifying marks, including the campus name, in an inconspicuous location. Take pictures of all items and store them with the inventory, so they can be attached to a report should a theft occur. This allows for quick distribution to police departments and salvage yards that can assist in recovering items.
- [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.

## January 2008 Statistics\*

### Crimes Against Persons

Annoying Call	0
Assault	0
Assault w/Deadly Weapon	0
Battery	0
Disturbance	0
Hate Crime	1**
Indecent Exposure	1
Prowling	0
Rape	0
Robbery	0
Sexual Battery	0
Other	0

### Crimes Against Property

Arson	0
Burglary	3
Theft (from vehicle)	1
Theft (Bike)	6
Theft (from building)	7
Theft (Other)	6
Grand Theft Auto	0
Trespass	2
Vandalism	1
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 bias related incidents.