

# The Claremont Colleges

The Department of Campus Safety

July 2008

## July 2008 Crime and Incident Report

### Trends and Analysis

The low number of crime reports filed in July is relatively consistent with past years. With fewer people on campus, there are fewer items left out to steal, but there are also fewer victims around to immediately discover and report a crime.

Most of the theft reports were from administrative buildings, which are more heavily populated during the summer than the residential areas, allowing for quick reporting when crimes are committed.

There were a large number of vandalisms, proportionate to other crimes reported this month, including two that targeted departmental golf carts parked on campus and one that required costly restoration of artwork. These vandalisms all targeted relatively easily accessible exterior areas, and caused expensive repairs or replacements in each case. While there is no indication that the vandalisms were perpetrated by related parties, they are a part of a growing disrespect for personal property rights seen on campus.

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#### Selective Incident Summary,

#### July 1—31

- A facilities director reported that a dorm mural was vandalized with paint.
- An employee reported that a cell phone that was delivered to campus rather than to Upland was stolen from its packaging.
- A community member reported that a wheelchair was stolen from a street near a campus parking lot.
- A student reported that her vehicle was involved in a hit-and-run while parked in a campus lot by her apartment. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded and took a report.
- An employee reported an irate student in an administrative building. Campus Safety officers responded and stood by until the student left the area.
- Campus Safety officers reported a group of off-campus subjects smoking marijuana in an outdoor area. Claremont Police officers responded and confiscated a joint, a baggie of marijuana, and a glass pipe.
- An employee reported that three cable locks were cut and the bicycles that they were securing were stolen from near a library.
- An employee reported that a ceramic standing ashtray near a library was broken.

- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen from near an academic building. The cable lock that was securing it was cut and left at the scene.
- Campus Safety officers reported an older male attempting to enter a locked administrative building. Claremont Police officers responded and the subject was arrested for outstanding warrants.
- An employee reported that a ceiling projector was stolen from a locked auditorium.
- An employee reported that the seats of a golf cart were torn with an unknown implement while parked near an administrative building.
- An employee reported that a locked bicycle was stolen from near an administrative building.
- An employee reported that rented chairs and tables were vandalized while set up for an event in a wilderness area.
- A conference attendee reported that his car was involved in a hit-and-run while parked in a campus lot.
- An employee reported that \$285.00 in cash was stolen from a locked cash box that was in a locked drawer that was placed in a locked office in an administrative building. There were pry marks on the cash box.
- A contractor reported that irrigation wires and a power cord were stolen from a gated construction site.
- An employee reported that a golf cart parked near an administrative building was vandalized. The windshield was broken, two tires were slashed, and the cart was urinated on. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded and took a report.

## Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- Keep the doors and windows to your car locked at all times. Leaving your windows slightly cracked can keep your car cooler on hot days, but it can also grant thieves the sliver of opportunity they need.
- Always lock your bike! Use a sturdy U-lock, not a cable lock. All three bikes stolen this month were locked with cable locks. If your front wheel is quick-release, remove it and lock it to the back wheel for extra security.
- Never prop doors—anyone who is supposed to be in your building will have their own way to get in. Having to use your key or slide card each time you want to enter might be a slight inconvenience, but not nearly so much as having your belongings stolen!
- 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.

## July 2008 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	0
Robbery	0
Sexual Battery	0
Other	0

### Crimes Against Property

Arson	0
Burglary	2
Theft (from vehicle)	0
Theft (Bike)	3
Theft (from building)	0
Theft (Other)	1
Grand Theft Auto	0
Trespass	0
Vandalism	4
Other	0

Arrests	1
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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.