

The Claremont Colleges

The Department of Campus Safety

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June 2008 Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

As is typically the case, June has been relatively quiet in terms of crimes reported on campus. Unfortunately, it is always nearly impossible to attribute this to an actual decrease in crimes committed, because many of the victims of property crime are not on campus during the summer months to discover crimes committed against them. In these cases, hindsight proves more fruitful, as the true situation of property crime on campus during the summer is frequently revealed in September, when a large part of the campus community returns. That being said, there was an excellent example this month of proper response to a suspicious, and ultimately criminal, situation. A student living on campus noticed a subject near the dorm who did not look familiar, and seemed to be acting suspiciously near a bike rack. The student wisely did not confront the subject on his own, but instead entered the dorm, contact Campus Safety immediately with a thorough description, and continued to watch the subject from a safe distance until officers arrived. Based on what he saw, the student was able to confirm to

responding police officers that the subject had used bolt cutters to try to defeat a cable lock, and was able to confirm the identity of the suspect placed in custody as the same subject he had seen. This student responded promptly and intelligently, resulting in an arrest and one less bicycle theft.

June 2008 Selective Incident Summary, June 1—30

- A student reported that a suspicious male looked into her apartment through her open door. A Campus Safety officer responded and located the subject, who was identified as a student.
- A facilities employee reported that locks to a fence and to a storage room were cut, and an air compressor and an air pressure washer machine were stolen.
- An R.A. reported a bong with marijuana residue.
- A professor reported that a computer monitor and two dongles were stolen from a locked office.
- A student reported that his iPod was stolen from a bench near a track.
- An employee reported that two inflatable pools were stolen from a fenced play area.

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- An employee reported that two laptops were stolen from a closed but unlocked room in an academic building.
- A contractor reported that over \$5000 worth of equipment was stolen from the back of a secured vehicle parked in a campus lot. The rear window was broken to gain access. The offending vehicle was later located on surveillance cameras.
- An employee reported that a digital camera was stolen from an unlocked office.
- An employee reported that a desktop computer and flat-screen monitor were stolen from an unlocked office.
- A student reported that her bicycle, which was locked with a cable lock, was stolen from a study area courtyard.
- An employee reported that movie tickets and several hundred dollars in cash were stolen from a safe.
- A conference attendee reported that the tires of his vehicle were punctured.
- A student reported that his unlocked bicycle was stolen from near a dining hall.
- An employee reported a suspicious male near an academic building. Campus Safety officers responded, and the subject fled, dropping drug paraphernalia. A retired police officer detained the subject. Claremont Police officers responded, and the subject was arrested for possession and outstanding warrants.
- Campus Safety officers made contact with a group with a keg near a dorm. The subjects claimed to be alumni with permission, but no contact was able to be made with the subject who gave permission. The group left the area.
- An employee reported a possibly abandoned, stripped vehicle parked on a city street running through campus. The Claremont Police Department was notified, and confirmed that the vehicle had been reported stolen.
- An employee reported that cash was stolen from a locked cabinet in an office of an administrative building.
- A student reported that her friend's vehicle, which was in her care, was vandalized with a sharp implement and the word "rapist" scratched into the door.
- A student reported a subject cutting locks to bicycles near a dorm. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded and located a subject who claimed to be working on his bicycle. The witness confirmed that it was the same subject, and a bicycle with a frayed cable lock was located. The subject was arrested for attempted theft, possession of burglary tools, and petty theft with a prior.

Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- When confronted with a suspicious situation, never approach the subjects. Remove yourself to a safe distance where you can continue to observe the subjects unobtrusively and call Campus Safety immediately at x72000. Give a thorough description, including what the subjects are doing, what they are wearing and which direction they are traveling. Remember to report suspicious *activity* rather than suspicious *persons*.

- Keep money, keys, and other valuables in secured areas, even during the day. If your department is having ongoing problems with thefts from secured areas, speak with your supervisor about surveillance options. Never decline to file a report just because you think it may be a fellow employee or student committing the crime.
- If you are working or studying on campus late, feel free to avail yourself of the Campus Safety escort service. Additionally, be sure to notify the on-duty dispatcher at x72000 if you will be in a building later than usual, both so the officers will be alert to activity in the area and in case you need assistance.
- 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.

June 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	6
Theft (from vehicle)	1
Theft (Bike)	3
Theft (from building)	0
Theft (Other)	3
Grand Theft Auto	1**
Trespass	0
Vandalism	3
Other	0

Arrests 2

* 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 recoveries.

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