

The Claremont Colleges

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November 2008 Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

While the number of bicycle thefts reported in November has greatly decreased from last month, it is still unusually high for this time of year. Much like in October, the majority of the stolen bikes were locked with cable locks, which were either cut and left at the scene or removed along with the bikes. None of the stolen bicycles were locked with U-locks, although four of the seventeen stolen bikes were left unlocked.

In addition to the bicycle thefts, the number of reported burglaries continues to be unusually high. Unfortunately, positive trends seen last semester and at the beginning of this semester seem to have reversed themselves, as many of the burglaries occurred in unlocked dorm or offices, or in common areas with easy access.

As always, it remains imperative to monitor your belongings, securing them whenever they are left unattended.

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Selective Incident Summary, November 1—30

- A Campus Safety officer reported two males fighting at a campus party. The subjects were located and identified. Two male students claimed to have been assaulted by a group of off-campus males, but they declined police involvement. The off-campus subjects were located and escorted off campus.
- A student reported that he offered to provide an off-campus subject with a place to sleep for the night. After arriving back at the dorm, he discovered she was mentally unstable and was concerned for his safety. Campus Safety officers checked the area, and a student advised the subject was in his suite. Claremont Police officers responded and escorted the subject off campus.
- An employee reported that the rear passenger side of his vehicle was damaged while parked near an athletic center.
- A student reported that his unlocked bicycle was stolen from the bushes near a dorm. He was advised that the bicycle had been recovered by Campus Safety for safekeeping, and he reclaimed his bike.

- A student reported that her bicycle and bike helmet were stolen from a dorm courtyard. The cable lock that was securing the bike was cut and left at the scene.
- A student reported that her bicycle, which was locked with a cable lock, was stolen from near a dining hall.
- A professional staff member reported that an off-campus juvenile may have stolen an iPod during a campus function. Campus Safety officers responded and located two victims, both of whom had their iPods stolen. Both victims declined to file reports.
- A student reported several subjects in a vehicle throwing tortillas as pedestrians. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers located the vehicle and identified the subjects as off-campus subjects, who were warned about private property boundaries.
- A student reported that another student received a call from a computerized voice that gave his name, school and location, and then said they “would get him.” The victim declined to file a crime report.
- A student reported that her jacket, Blackberry, and ID were stolen from a student lounge during a party.
- A student reported that his bicycle, which was locked with a combination cable lock, was stolen from the carport at his off-campus residence.
- Students reported that their laptop and iPod were stolen from a dorm common area.
- A student reported that her car trunk was dented while parked near an athletic center.
- A professor reported that his bicycle was stolen from near an academic building. His cable lock was cut and left at the scene.
- A professor reported that glasses and several CDs were stolen from her unsecured vehicle.
- A dean reported that a student’s unlocked bicycle was stolen from a dorm hallway.
- An employee reported receiving several harassing calls where the caller did not speak. She said she may know who is calling, but declined to name the suspect.
- A student reported that an intoxicated student was out of control inside a dorm. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and the subject was transported to the hospital. Several holes were punched in the walls of the dorm, and a glass cover was broken.
- An employee reported that a railing at an academic building was vandalized with a black marker. The employee declined to give information required for a report.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen from near a library. The cable lock that was securing the bike was cut and left at the scene.
- A student reported that his book bag and contents were stolen from an unlocked computer lab.
- A student reported several subjects spray painting on a wall. Campus Safety officers responded and located four off-campus subjects in the area. Because the subjects were not seen actively painting the graffiti and had no paraphernalia, they were warned of private property rights and escorted off campus.
- A student reported that her bicycle was stolen from near a dorm. She declined to file a report at that time.

- A student reported that her unsecured bicycle was stolen from near her dorm.
- A student reported that a male subject stole a basketball from an athletic center. Campus Safety officers and a dean made contact with the subject, who claimed to be a student. After speaking with the athletic center employees, Campus Safety officers retrieved the basketball from the subject. He was later determined to be an alumnus.
- An R.A. reported that a student's laptop and bicycle were stolen. A Campus Safety officer responded, and the student claimed that a friend had taken the laptop "as a joke." The bicycle, which was left unsecured by a dorm, was stolen.
- A student reported that both of her license plates were removed, and replaced with other plates. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded and determined that the plates put on her vehicle were also stolen license plates.
- An employee reported that, on two separate occasions, audio-visual equipment was stolen from a social room.
- A student reported that two computers, an iPod, and headphones were stolen from his dorm room. The door was locked, but access was gained through a connecting restroom.
- A student reported that his laptop was stolen from his locked dorm room. Access was gained through a connecting suite bathroom.
- A student reported that his bicycle, which was locked with a cable lock, was stolen from near a dorm.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen from near a dorm. The cable lock that was securing the bike was also stolen.
- A student reported that her camera was stolen from an unsecured dorm room.
- A student reported that a gift card, previously reported stolen, was declined when an unknown subject tried to use it.
- A student reported that his Macbook Pro was stolen from his dorm room. The door was locked, but the window was left open.
- An employee reported that the chain link fence to a wilderness area was cut. A trailer was moved, but nothing was taken.
- A student reported that her laptop was stolen from the common area of her suite.
- An employee reported that a bottle of Freon was stolen from a truck, where it was secured in a compartment.
- A student reported that his laptop was stolen from a dorm lounge while he slept.
- A student reported that his backpack and laptop were stolen from the lobby at a student services area.
- A professional staff member reported that a student has received phone calls threatening her life and physical well being. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded.
- A student reported that his laptop was stolen from his dorm room, which was unsecured because of a mechanical failure with the balcony door.
- A student reported that her cable-locked bicycle was stolen from near an academic building.

- An anonymous person reported loud noise coming from student housing. Campus Safety officers responded, and located a group of approximately twenty students spray painting the building and assorted furniture in the courtyard. Most of the subjects fled, and three were identified as students.
- A student reported that her cable-locked bicycle was stolen from near a dining hall.
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- A student reported that his laptop was stolen from a locked dorm lounge.
- A student reported that his skateboard was stolen from the exterior of a dining hall.
- An employee reported that a large sum of money was stolen from a locked desk drawer in an unsecured office, and only three people have keys. Claremont Police and Campus Safety officers responded.
- A student reported that he saw a male subject remove a skateboard from the exterior of an academic building, put it in his backpack, and leave campus.
- A student reported that her cable-locked bicycle was stolen from near an athletic center.
- A Campus Safety officer reported that a male subject claimed to have been assaulted at a party. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, but the subject declined to file a report. He claimed that he was punched in the back of the head after an argument about football teams.
- A student reported that her cable-locked bicycle was stolen from near a dorm. The lock was cut and left at the scene.
- A student reported that an anatomically graphic drawing and anti-religious and anti-voting statements were written on her dorm whiteboard. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, and while the Claremont Police officer confirmed that no crime had occurred, an incident report was taken.
- An employee reported that, while driving to work, someone fired 2 shots at him from a vehicle. Neither he nor his vehicle was hit. He also reported that the local police department had already taken a report.
- An employee reported that money was stolen from a locked filing cabinet in a locked office.
- A dean reported that his bicycle was stolen from near a student center. He declined to file a report.
- A student reported that a male subject wearing dark clothing stole his unlocked bicycle from a dining hall. He saw the subject, who left the bike and fled on foot. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, but the subject fled into a construction site and officers were unable to locate him.
- An employee reported that a laptop was stolen from a possibly unsecured computer lab.
- A Campus Safety officer reported several subjects in a vehicle near an academic building with a strong odor of marijuana emanating from the car. Claremont Police officers responded, and all five occupants were warned about private property boundaries.
- A student reported that his speaker system was stolen from his locked dorm room.

- A Campus Safety officer reported a subject driving a vehicle and possibly asleep behind the wheel. Claremont Police officers responded and the subject was arrested for DUI.

Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- Register your bicycle with the State of California through Campus Safety or City Hall in Claremont. Additionally, you can register with the National Bike Registry <http://www.nationalbikeregistry.com/>. Registering your bicycle will provide easy references for information such as make, model and serial number, and can be tracked back to you through the license if it is found.
- Always lock your bike! Use a sturdy U-lock, not a cable lock, and lock both the frame and wheel to a non-moveable, non-breakable object. Check the paperwork when you buy a U-lock to see if it comes with insurance. Many lock brands will cover the cost of a stolen bike if it was locked properly and was still stolen. If your front wheel is quick-release, remove it and lock it to the back wheel for extra security.
- Always report stolen items, even if you doubt your chances of getting the item returned to you. Several items have recently been recovered by the Claremont Police Department, but the owners cannot be located because they never reported their belongings stolen.
- Record the details of all valuables—bikes, laptops, iPods, etc. This includes make, model, and serial number.
- If you are responsible for large sums of cash—such as a department or club’s petty cash fund—be sure to check the amount daily, and frequently move the storage box to a new, securable hiding place. Common areas such as a desk drawer or filing cabinet are frequently the first place a thief will check, and if the thief has time, they can easily figure out where the cash is stored if you don’t move it around.
- Always lock your doors and windows. This is equally applicable to dorm rooms and offices. Unlocked doors are the easiest invitation for a thief, but an open or unlocked window, particularly if the screen is easily removable, is just as frequently a point of access.
- Immediately report stolen or missing ID cards. Cards can also be deactivated online at the Card Center’s website <https://cards.cuc.claremont.edu/>. They can be used to access buildings and any money or meal plan on the card can be fraudulently used just like a credit card.
- 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.

November 2008 Statistics*

Crimes Against Persons	
Annoying Call	0
Assault	0
Assault w/Deadly Weapon	0
Battery	0
Disturbance	0
Hate Crime	1**
Indecent Exposure	0
Prowling	0
Rape	0
Robbery	0
Sexual Battery	0
Other	!***
Crimes Against Property	
Arson	0
Burglary	16
Theft (from vehicle)	3
Theft (Bike)	17
Theft (from building)	2
Theft (Other)	2
Grand Theft Auto	0
Trespass	0
Vandalism	2
Other	0
Arrests	0

* 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 incident reports

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