

# The Claremont Colleges

The Department of Campus Safety

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## June 2009 Crime and Incident Report

### Trends and Analysis

Interestingly, June has had some unusual activity in terms of property theft. No burglaries were reported this month, although there were several thefts, mostly from unlocked or common areas of buildings. When looked at in total, the number of property thefts remained about normal with past years. The bike thefts, however, have slightly decreased this year when compared to past years. Only one bike part was stolen this June, as compared to three bike thefts in 2008 and five in 2007.

Vandalisms unfortunately have increased this year. A majority of these vandalisms have been focused on vehicles parked in campus lots. It is important to remember, especially during the summer when foot traffic in the parking lots decreases, to park in well lit, and preferably heavily trafficked, areas and monitor your vehicle daily. Reduce the temptation for thieves and vandals to break into your vehicle by removing all valuable belongings from your car.

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#### Selective Incident Summary, June 1—30

- An employee reported finding drug paraphernalia, including a glass pipe, a wooden pipe, a grinder, and a small container labeled "hash" possibly containing marijuana residue, after a campus event. The Claremont Police Department was notified and confiscated the items.
- A student reported prowlers outside the windows of her campus housing. Campus Safety officers responded, but the subjects had fled.
- An employee reported that multiple locks were cut at storage area. Nothing was reported stolen.
- A student reported that when she returned to her campus house, the front door was open. When she left, the building was secured. Campus Safety officers responded and checked the house.
- A student reported that her unsecured mp3 player was stolen from a dorm lounge.
- A student reported that his bicycle, which was left locked to itself overnight, was stolen from near an academic building. Two witnesses reported seeing an employee put the bike in a truck. The victim contacted the employee, who agreed to return the bicycle. The victim declined to file a report.

- A student reported that a neighbor saw a male subject hiding in the hedges by her campus house, looking into her windows. When the neighbor approached the subject, he fled. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded.
- A Campus Safety officer reported that, while escorting trick bicyclists off campus, one of them kicked the windshield of his cart and broke it. Claremont Police officers responded, but the subject fled. Officers were unable to locate him.
- An employee reported that surveillance tapes recorded two subjects in a gated facilities yard. The subjects cut the lock to one of the gates to gain access. Nothing was reported stolen.
- A student reported that he was robbed while jogging on a city street near campus shortly after midnight. Occupants of a vehicle flagged down the victim for directions. When he approached the vehicle, one subject grabbed his shirt and demanded his wallet, which he did not have. The subject then took his keys and student ID out of the victim's hand, and the vehicle drove away. The keys and ID were later found on the grounds of one of the campuses. The vehicle was described as a 4-door black vehicle, unknown make or model, possibly early 90's model. The passenger who grabbed the victim's shirt was described as a white male, approximately 18 or 19 years old, with blond shaggy hair, wearing a hoodie.
- An employee reported that a laptop was stolen from a secured office.
- An employee reported that a video camera was stolen from a secured storage room.
- An employee reported that a laptop was stolen from an unsecured office. The laptop was later returned, while the office was locked.
- A student reported three subjects near a dorm with a flashlight and a saw, cutting the lock off of a bike. Campus Safety officers responded, but the subjects had already fled. A cut Kryptonite u-lock was found in the area.
- An employee reported that a laptop was stolen from a secured laboratory.
- A dean reported that a male subject dressed all in black was hiding in the trees near her house when she arrived home. When the subject saw her, he left the area. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded, but were unable to locate the subject.
- An employee reported that a large sum of cash was stolen from a secured desk drawer in an office.
- A student reported that a wheelchair, which she had rented from a local pharmacy, was stolen from outside her dorm room.
- A student reported that his bicycle was stolen from near a library. A few days later, a bicycle of the same make and model, with the same attachments, was seen at a different part of the library, locked to another bike. The victim advised he would find the serial number of his bicycle and compare it to the second bike.
- A student reported that her vehicle, which was parked near an academic building, was vandalized with two long scratches on the driver's side.

- A dean reported that a plasma television was stolen from an unsecured dorm lounge. The cable lock that was securing the television was cut and left at the scene.
- A contractor reported seeing multiple subjects try to steal a golf cart from near a dining hall. Campus Safety and Claremont Police officers responded and located four subjects, who fled the scene. Multiple golf carts were found vandalized, including damage to the ignition and the tires. Claremont Police officers located the four subjects, but no arrests were made.
- A student reported that the front bike wheel of his bicycle, which was secured near a dorm, was stolen.
- An employee reported that a campus owned van was vandalized. The passenger window and rear door handle were broken, although nothing was reported missing.

## Crime Prevention Strategies and Tips

- Be sure to park in well lit parking lots, preferably in the view of surveillance cameras. Check with your campus facilities department about the best place to park, both for cameras and so you do not leave your vehicle in an area with construction.
  - Check on your vehicle daily. This helps you stay on top of possibly problematic situations, including windows left down or doors left unlocked. It can also prevent an accumulation of citations, if your vehicle was left in an unauthorized spot.
- If you are not on campus during the summer, but your vehicle is, be sure to have someone reliable check on it daily. Leave a spare set of keys with that person, and inform the campus of who the on-campus contact person is, in case the car needs to be moved for some reason.
  - Never enter any alarmed areas if you are not authorized to be in there. This includes pools after-hours. (If you have to jump a fence to access an area, you probably shouldn't be in there.) Campus Safety officers respond to these alarms as though someone is actively burglarizing the area. If you accidentally activate an alarm, call Campus Safety, and remain in the area until an officer can meet with you.
  - Campus Safety continues to offer twenty-four hour safety escorts to anyone remaining on campus during the summer. If you feel unsafe for any reason, call Campus Safety at x72000 or (909) 607-2000, and request an escort.
  - 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.

## June 2009 Statistics\*

<b>Crimes Against Persons</b>	
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
<b>Crimes Against Property</b>	
Arson	0
Burglary	0
Theft (from vehicle)	0
Theft (Bike)	1**
Theft (from building)	7
Theft (Other)	1
Grand Theft Auto	0
Trespass	0
Vandalism	6
Other	0
<b>Arrests</b>	<b>0</b>

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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 theft of bike parts