

# University of Miami Medical Campus Crime Summary Report August 2010

## **\*\*Tip of the Month\*\***

- While in the office, make sure you lock your door even if you run out for a quick cup of coffee or to use the copy machine. Office larcenies (thefts) are very common.
- Don't be predictable. Most people keep their purse in the bottom right drawer of the desk, under the desk or on a hook behind the door. Lock your belongings inside the office if you are leaving.
- Be aware of any suspicious persons roaming your area. If someone enters your area of work immediately ask them what they are doing or who they are looking for. Ask them firmly, yet professionally if you can be of any assistance. Keep offices neat and orderly to identify strange objects or unauthorized people more easily
- If something seems strange then it may be. Call Security to report suspicious persons.
- Have staff follow strict access control procedures, don't allow exceptions.
- Keep important papers locked in secure cabinets.
- Empty trash receptacles often.

## **Thefts**

08/04 [Diabetes Research Institute](#)

Employee left a cell phone charging in an unsecured 6<sup>th</sup> floor office and discovered it missing when they returned two days later. Item valued at \$300.00.

**08/04 UM Hospital**

Patient reported that a camera left in their 6<sup>th</sup> floor room, while out for testing, was missing. The item was valued at \$160.00.

**08/04 UM Hospital Valet**

Visitor left vehicle with valet then realized they were in the wrong place. Vehicle was returned and hours later he returned advising a case of liquor was missing from the trunk.

**08/05 Rosenstiel Medical Science Building**

Employee reported that two electric drills in a blue box were missing from a secured storage cabinet on the loading dock. Items valued at \$150.00.

**08/12 UM Hospital and Clinics**

Employee reported that an iPod was discovered missing while left unattended docked to a speaker system in an unsecured 2<sup>nd</sup> floor department. The item was valued at \$160.00.

**08/14 UM Hospital**

Patient reported that an iPod was missing from his property when discharged on 05/24. Patient had signed for the item when discharged.

**08/16 UM Hospital**

Patient's wife reported that a cell phone was missing from her husband's 6<sup>th</sup> floor room.

**08/16 UM Hospital**

Patient's wife reported that she purchased some food items for her husband who was out of his 8<sup>th</sup> floor room for treatment. When the patient returned someone had eaten the food. Investigation revealed that another patient took the food items. (Solved)

**08/17 Batchelor Children's Research Institute**

Employee reported that 14 bottles of serum were missing from an unsecured freezer in a 4<sup>th</sup> floor laboratory.

**08/17 UM Hospital**

Patient reported that his cell phone was missing from his room on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor.

**08/24 14<sup>th</sup> Street Garage**

Employee reported that his gold Tourrio bicycle left locked to the rack near the cashier's booth on the 1<sup>st</sup> level was missing.

**08/24 NW 15<sup>th</sup> Street and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Parking Lot**

Unicco supervisor reported that a water tank trailer was removed from the lot. Miami Police are investigating.

08/24 UM Hospital

Medical equipment vendor reported that a black bag containing his company's medical devices and left in an unsecured 3<sup>rd</sup> floor hallway and was discovered missing when he returned from vacation. Items valued at \$6,000.00.

08/26 Clinical Research Building

Visitor reported that their iPod Touch left in an unsecured 2<sup>nd</sup> floor room was taken. The item was in a black rubber case and was valued at \$400.00.

08/26 Gautier Building

Student reported that his Schwinn mountain bicycle was taken from the bike rack on the east end of the building.

08/26 Bascom Palmer Patient Parking Lot

Employee reported that their vehicle was missing from the lot.

08/27 UM Hospital

Employee in a 1<sup>st</sup> floor department reported her Droid cell phone was missing from her desk in an unsecured area.

08/27 Rosenstiel Medical Science Building

Employee reported that numerous laboratory items stored in an unsecured cooler in an 8<sup>th</sup> floor laboratory were missing over a 3 day period.

08/29 UM Hospital Parking Garage

Visitor reported that a GPS device was removed from his vehicle while parked on the 5<sup>th</sup> level. The passenger side front window had been broken out to gain entry.

08/31 UM Hospital

Former patient reported that she gave a charm bracelet to an unknown nurse on 07/16 and cannot locate the item.

## Assault

None

## Burglary

None

## Vehicle Incidents

08/03 14<sup>th</sup> Street Garage

Three visitors and an employee were involved in a minor traffic crash at the 1<sup>st</sup> floor exit gate #6.

08/05 UM Hospital Employee Parking Lot

Employee backed into another employee's vehicle causing minor damage

**08/05 Northwest 15<sup>th</sup> Street and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Student travelling west was struck by a JMH employee travelling north. There was minor damage and no injuries.

**08/6 Gate 19**

Unicco pickup truck caught on fire and the driver exited unharmed. Miami Fire responded and extinguished the fire.

**08/17 Clinical Research Building**

Contractor's truck struck a UM truck parked in the receiving area. There was minor damage and no injuries.

**08/25 14<sup>th</sup> Street Garage**

Employee reported finding damage to the top left side of the hood of their vehicle parked on the 11<sup>th</sup> level. Security video revealed that the damage did not occur while the vehicle was on campus.

**08/27 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute Patient Parking Lot**

Patient disputing the parking fee broke the exit gate. Miami Police responded and the individual paid the fee.

**08/27 UM Hospital Parking Garage**

Visitor returned to her vehicle on the 3<sup>rd</sup> level and discovered the glove box was open and a cell phone on the back seat.

**08/29 UM Hospital Parking Garage**

Visitor reported that the cover of the driver's side door was removed. The vehicle had been parked on the 3<sup>rd</sup> level.

## **Trespassers**

**08/05 Biomedical Research Building**

Security called regarding a suspicious female on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Female located outside near the west entrance and escorted off the property.

**08/05 Park Plaza East**

Security called regarding a suspicious male in the lobby of a ground floor office. Security contacted the male and he was escorted out of the building.

**08/05 Clinical Research Building**

Security observed a male trying to enter the front entrance after hours. The male was contacted and escorted off the property.

**08/08 UM Hospital**

A male who was seen by medical staff in the emergency room and was found to have no medical problems was asked to leave and refused. Miami Police responded and the male still refused to leave. The male was arrested by Miami Police.

**08/12 Mailman Center**

A male juvenile was stopped by security after attempting to sell candy in the building. The juvenile's guardian responded and Miami Police was requested to investigate because of the age of the juvenile. Miami Police spoke to the guardian and issued a trespass warning.

**08/20 UM Hospital**

Security discovered an unauthorized male sleeping in the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory waiting room. The male was escorted out of the building.

**08/20 Mailman Center**

Security discovered a male sleeping on the west side of the building. The male was escorted off the property.

**08/20 Linda Ray Center**

Security discovered a male on the sidewalk in front of the building. The male appeared to have a medical problem and fire rescue was called. The male was removed from the property.

**08/24 15<sup>th</sup> Street Garage**

Security escorted a female away from the building after she was screaming at passersby from the northeast corner of the building.

**08/25 Biomedical Research Building**

Employee reported that an unauthorized male was in the stairwell. Security contacted the male and escorted him out of the building,

**08/26 Magnetic Resonance Imaging**

Security called regarding a male in the bushes near the parking lot. Security was not able to locate the individual.

**08/30 Sylvester Cancer Center Deerfield Beach**

Security discovered a female in the building attempting to sell make up. She was escorted out of the building.

**08/31 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute**

Security advised of a suspicious male walking around on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. The male was not located on the floor but was observed on video departing through the main entrance.

## **Escorts**

University of Miami Security Officers provided escorts to any place on campus, including Metrorail. We encourage you to use this service when walking alone and particularly after hours. Security Officers will meet you at your work location and escort you safely to your vehicle, Metrorail, or any other building on campus. Call 243-SAFE (7233) to request an escort. You may be able to reduce your waiting time if you call a few minutes before you are ready to leave.

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During August, security officers provided 117 escorts with an average waiting time of 4:33 minutes.

## **General Information**

### **FREE SECURITY SURVEYS or CRIME PREVENTION SEMINARS**

Conducted on an individual or group basis. To make an appointment or to request information, call Lee Michaud, Crime Prevention & Training Manager at 243-5084.

### **CRIME TIP HOTLINE (243-6280)**

Caller can remain anonymous. All information kept confidential. Ask for Craig Hopkins, Investigator at 243-6280.