

# **University of Miami Medical Campus Crime Summary Report September 2010**

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

### **Vehicle Security**

**Without opportunity there is no crime. This is certainly true when it comes to the theft of vehicles and their contents. Thefts usually occur because owners make it far too easy for the thief. Precautions can be taken to help prevent both types of thefts.**

**Alarms and clubs will not always prevent crime, but will often deter the thief. The thief will look for an easier car to steal.**

### **Prevent Theft from the Vehicle**

- **Never leave valuables on your seat, the floor or the dashboard. Use the trunk and glove compartment for storage.**
- **Remove money, cell phones, portable electronic devices and CDs from view.**
- **Don't leave registration or insurance papers in the vehicle. It makes your vehicle easier to sell, and it gives the thief your home address.**
- **Take valuables such as checkbooks and credit cards with you or leave them at home.**
- **Don't leave luggage on the luggage rack. This is an easy target.**
- **Cover valuables stored in the rear of SUVs and trucks.**

### **Help Prevent Vehicle Theft**

- **Take your keys. Nearly 20 percent of all vehicles stolen have the keys in them.**
- **Lock your car. Approximately 50 percent of all vehicles stolen are left unlocked.**
- **Don't leave your running car unattended.**
- **Park in a well-lit and well-traveled area.**
- **When possible, park in a lot that has an attendant.**
- **Keep all of your doors locked at all times.**
- **Roll your windows up completely.**
- **Keep your sunroof closed.**
- **Use an audible alarm or ignition kill switch. A steering-wheel locking device is also a strong deterrent.**

# Thefts

**09/02 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute**

Optical shop employee observed a male take a pair of eyeglass frames from the display wall and put them in his pocket. Security was called and the item was recovered. (Solved)

**09/03 UM Hospital**

A physician's office in the West Building reported two missing paintings from the waiting room. Items valued at \$400.00.

**09/07 UM Hospital**

Patient reported that his wallet was missing from a 5<sup>th</sup> floor room.

**09/08 Professional Arts Center**

A physician reported that a tuning fork and a reflex hammer were missing from a 6<sup>th</sup> floor exam room. Items valued at \$50.00.

**09/08 UM Hospital**

A patient reported that his cell phone was missing from his 6<sup>th</sup> floor room.

**09/09 UM Hospital**

Employee reported that a 20 inch flat screen Dell monitor was missing from an unsecured room in a 4<sup>th</sup> floor department. Item valued at \$400.00.

**09/13 Professional Arts Center**

Administrator reported that a UPS box deliver several days before was missing. Security investigator determined the whereabouts of the box. (Solved)

**09/13 Diabetes Research Institute**

Administrator reported that a case of liquid reagent was missing from a 5<sup>th</sup> floor cold room. Items valued at \$276.00.

**09/14 UM Hospital**

Employee reported that a flat screen computer monitor was missing from a 4<sup>th</sup> floor department.

**09/14 Rosenstiel Medical Science Building**

Employee reported a pallet of boxes used in an 8<sup>th</sup> floor department was missing. Security investigator located the items. (Solved)

**09/16 Fred Cowell Mall**

Security observed a male appearing to cut a cable lock off a bicycle in the bike rack across from the Calder Library. The male was detained and arrested by Miami Police. (Solved)

**09/16 ACC East**

Physician reported that a desktop computer was missing from his 2<sup>nd</sup> floor office.

**09/17 UM Hospital Parking Garage**

Physician reported that his vehicle was broken into while parked on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. The CD/DVD player valued at \$400.00 was removed.

**09/17 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute Valet**

Visitor reported that four days previously her vehicle was returned by the valet. She discovered after arriving home that a GPS device and a wallet were missing.

**09/19 UM Hospital**

A patient in a 10<sup>th</sup> floor room reported that \$200 cash was missing from his wallet and over \$1000 in cash was left behind.

**09/21 Park Plaza West**

Ground floor restaurant employee reported that that a male waiting in line to pay grabbed the tip jar and fled. Security officers located the male and detained him for Miami Police who arrested him for theft. (Solved)

**09/23 UM Hospital**

Administrator reported that a Phillips Intelivue monitor was missing from a 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Surgery area. Security investigator located the item which had been moved to another location. (Solved)

**09/24 Diabetes Research Institute**

Employee reported that two small personal insulin pumps were missing from two 1<sup>st</sup> floor offices.

**09/29 Kendall Medical Center**

Participant in a parenting class reported that a Casio digital camera was missing from her purse. Item valued at \$70.00.

## **Assault**

**09/06 Linda Ray Center**

Security responded to a report of a male harassing staff near the entrance to the facility. When the security officer approached the male he was pushed. Miami Police responded and arrested the male.

**09/18 UM Hospital**

Two employees of a contractor were involved in an argument in the main lobby. One of the employees punched the other in the face with a closed fist. Both employees terminated by the contractor.

## **Burglary**

None

# Vehicle Incidents

**09/07 UM Hospital Parking Garage**

Physician reported damage to the left rear bumper of his vehicle when it was parked on the 4<sup>th</sup> level on 09/02.

**09/07 14<sup>th</sup> Street Garage**

A student attempting to back out of a space on the 1<sup>st</sup> level struck another vehicle. There was minor damage and no injuries.

**09/07 Rosenstiel Medical Science Building**

Receiving area supervisor reported damage to a UM truck parked at the loading dock.

**09/08 Batchelor Childrens Research Institute**

Employee driving a UM vehicle struck a pole on the north side of the building.

**09/08 14<sup>th</sup> Street Garage**

Security officer noticed minor damage on the driver's side of an employee's vehicle as it exited. The employee stated they could not wait and left.

**09/13 15<sup>th</sup> Street Garage**

Employee reported discovering damage to the passenger door of her vehicle parked on the 5<sup>th</sup> level. Security investigator reviewed video and determined that the damage did not occur in the garage.

**09/20 14<sup>th</sup> Street Garage**

Visitor exiting at the cashier's booth struck a yellow pole causing minor damage to the right front bumper.

**09/20 15<sup>th</sup> Street Garage**

Employee reported that while she was parking on the 6<sup>th</sup> level her vehicle struck a parked vehicle causing minor damage.

**09/22 UM Hospital and Clinics Valet**

Visitor backed into a parked vehicle on the valet ramp causing minor damage.

**09/24 UM Hospital Parking Garage**

Employee reported that they caused minor damage to a vehicle while trying to park on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor level.

**09/27 Rosenstiel Medical Science Building**

Contractor's truck struck another contractor's van on the south side of the building, causing minor damage to the right side of the van.

**09/28 Rosenstiel Medical Science Building**

Unicco truck backing out of the receiving dock area struck a UM truck causing minor damage.

09/28 14<sup>th</sup> Street Garage

Employee operating a utility cart struck a parked vehicle on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level causing minor damage.

## Trespassers

09/02 Mailman Center Debbie School

Employee reported that there was a male sleeping on a bench near the north side of the building. Security contacted the male and escorted him away from the area.

09/07 UM Hospital

A male soliciting for money in the main lobby and returned after being warned was arrested by Miami Police.

09/11 UM Hospital

Staff reported a suspicious male on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor. The male was contacted and interviewed by Miami Police. He was escorted out of the building.

09/15 Park Plaza East

Security advised of a male sleeping in front of a ground floor office. The male was contacted and escorted away from the building.

09/19 Mailman Center

Security observed a female sleeping on a bench near the building entrance. The female was contacted and escorted off the property.

## 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.

**During September, security officers provided 113 escorts with an average waiting time of 3:51 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.