

# **University of Miami Medical Campus Crime Summary Report February 2011**

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

### **Tax Time is Ripe with Opportunity for ID Theft**

It's time to start preparing your important tax documents...documents that are also very valuable to an identity thief. Here are few tips to keep your information safe during the busy tax season.

- Don't keep tax documents lying around. For an identity thief, finding a brief case full of tax documents covered in Social Security numbers, earnings, addresses, etc, is a dream come true! If you take them somewhere, like to your accountant's office, don't leave them in your car. Even in your house, keep them in a locked box or hidden location.
- Guard your mail and mailbox. Incoming and outgoing tax documents like W-2's and 1099's contain vital identity information. If you don't already have a locking mailbox, we recommend looking into one. And, if you have outgoing mail with important tax information, do not leave it unattended in the mailbox just waiting for a perpetrator to come by and snag it- take it directly to the post office or to a postal drop-box location.
- Shield your SSN. Tax documents contain our SSN's and require them in order to file with the IRS. Be sure to keep them safe both out in the open and on your computer after handling your taxes this year. If your computer is hacked and you have documents with important tax information, they are the perfect catch for an identity thief.
- Deal directly with the IRS. If you have questions or concerns filing this year, be sure you address them directly to a government official within the IRS. If you notice anything suspicious this tax year and haven't had any issues previously with identity theft and the IRS, contact the IRS Identity Protection Specialized Unit, toll-free 1-800-908-4490 for guidance.

Tax season is a stressful time of year. Don't let this season be more stressful by being vulnerable to identity theft. Be aware of the risks when compiling your tax return this year, and safeguard all your information before and after you file.

## **Thefts**

### **02/01 Clinical Research Building**

Employee reported that a box of cookies left behind her desk unsecured was missing from a 1<sup>st</sup> floor office.

**02/02 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute**

Employee reported that her purse was missing from next to a desk in a 1<sup>st</sup> floor clinic. Security located the purse and employee advised \$100 cash was missing. Video revealed that a female accompanying a male patient took the purse. The patient returned the following day and the cash was recovered. (Solved)

**02/02 Elliot Building**

Administrator reported that a desktop computer was missing from a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor office. Item valued at \$2,000.00.

**02/04 Rosenstiel Medical Science Building**

Employee left a food cart with various food items valued at \$200.00, intended for visitors to a 4<sup>th</sup> floor auditorium unattended for a couple of minutes. When the employee returned most of the items were gone.

**02/07 Clinical Research Building**

Patient reported that she left a bracelet in a 5<sup>th</sup> floor restroom and when she went to retrieve it the item was gone. Security investigator determined that a contractor's employee took the item valued at \$350.00. The item was recovered and the employee was terminated. (Solved)

**02/08 Northwest 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 14<sup>th</sup> Street**

Employee walking to the Metrorail Station was asked for directions by a male. Another male riding a bicycle approached and grabbed the employee's iPhone.

**02/08 UM Hospital and Clinics**

Physician reported that a Sony laptop computer was missing from its bag in a 4<sup>th</sup> floor office.

**02/08 UM Hospital Employee Parking Lot**

Employee reported that their vehicle had been broken into and a set of keys were missing. Miami Police are investigating.

**02/09 Sylvester Cancer Center**

Employee reported on 01/24 that a \$50 makeup bag left in an unsecured desk drawer was missing. Employee located the bag behind the desk. (Solved)

**02/07 Sylvester Cancer Center Deerfield Beach**

Patient reported that a ring and \$120.00 cash was missing from a locker on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

**02/09 Rosenstiel Medical Science Building**

Employee reported that various items have been missing from a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor unsecured storage area for the past two weeks. Item included hand soap, Clorox wipes, paper towels, plastic spoons along with small containers of salt, pepper, sugar, cream cheese, ketchup and jelly.

02/15 UM Hospital

Physician reported leaving his shoulder bag containing a laptop computer in a 3<sup>rd</sup> floor physician's lounge and when he returned the items were gone. The items were valued at \$900.00.

02/15 Rosenstiel Medical Science Building

Contractor reported that a Hilti chipping hammer and two bits in a case was missing from a construction site on the south side of the building. The item was valued at \$1,800.00.

02/16 UM Hospital and Clinics

Morrison's Cafeteria employee reported that she left her cell phone charging near the cash register. When she came back for it the phone was gone.

02/17 Biomedical Research Building

Researcher reported that a part of an apparatus, called an insert, left in a sink in a 7<sup>th</sup> floor laboratory was discovered missing. The item was valued at \$1,000.00.

02/17 Sylvester Cancer Center

Employee reported that a Nikon camera was missing from her unsecured desk in a 3<sup>rd</sup> floor office on 02/03. On 02/22 the employee reported that the camera was located. (Solved)

02/23 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

A patient reported leaving a Blackberry cell phone on a table in a ground floor clinic. When he returned the phone was gone.

02/24 Rosenstiel Medical Science Building

Employee reported that a Dell Optiplex computer, recently purchased, was placed in a secured 7<sup>th</sup> floor room for storage on 02/18 it was discovered missing. The item was valued at \$1,000.00. Security investigator determined that an employee took the item. The computer was recovered and the employee was terminated. (Solved)

02/24 UM Hospital

Visitor reported that they left their purse in an unsecured room on the Penthouse Floor and when she returned discovered that \$8.00 cash and a debit card was missing.

02/24 UM Hospital

Patient reported that \$80.00 cash was missing from his wallet in a 6<sup>th</sup> floor room.

## Assault

None

## Burglary

None

# Vehicle Incidents

## 02/01 15<sup>th</sup> Street Garage

Security discovered a vehicle leaking gasoline on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor. Miami Fire responded and stopped the leak. The vehicle owner was located and the vehicle was removed.

## 02/03 UM Hospital Parking Garage

Visitor reported finding scratches on the driver's door of their vehicle parked on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor.

## 02/04 14<sup>th</sup> Street Garage

Employee witnessed a vehicle back into a parked vehicle on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor. Security observed that there was what appeared to be a note left on the parked vehicle but upon inspection the paper was blank.

## 02/08 UM Hospital Employee Parking Lot

Employee discovered that his passenger window was damaged after leaving the lot.

## 02/14 UM Hospital Employee Parking Lot

Employee struck another employee's vehicle causing minor damage.

## 02/15 Bascom Palmer Patient Parking Lot

Visitor reported that they discovered scratches on their vehicle after it was returned by the valet.

## 02/16 UM Hospital Employee Parking Lot

Employee struck another employee's car on the rear bumper causing minor damage.

# Trespassers

## 02/01 Magnetic Resonance Imaging

Security called regarding a suspicious female in the lobby area. Security contacted the individual and escorted them out of the area.

## 02/03 Mailman Center Debbie School

Security discovered a male sleeping inside of the west wall of the building. The male was contacted and left the area.

## 02/03 UM Hospital and Clinics

Security observed a suspicious male enter the building. The male was located in a 1<sup>st</sup> floor department asking individuals for money and was escorted out of the building.

## 02/12 UM Hospital

Security discovered a male sleeping in the hallway of the West Building. The male was escorted out of the building.

**02/14 Mailman Center Debbie School**

Employee reported a suspicious male loitering around the northwest side of the building. Security contacted the male and escorted him away from the property.

**02/16 Diabetes Research Institute**

Security discovered a male lying in the bushes on the west side of the building. Miami Police responded and took the individual into custody.

**02/17 Mailman Center Debbie School**

Security discovered a male sleeping in the west stairwell. The individual was escorted off the property.

**02/19 Mailman Center Debbie School**

Security discovered a male sleeping on a bench in the playground. The male was escorted off the property.

**02/22 Mailman Center Debbie School**

Security discovered a male sleeping near the west exit door. The male was escorted off the property.

**02/23 14<sup>th</sup> Street Garage**

Security discovered two suspicious male loitering on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor. The individuals were escorted out of the building.

**02/23 Sylvester Cancer Center**

Security observed a male attempting to solicit money from people in the courtyard. The male was contacted and escorted off the property.

**02/24 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute**

Security observed a male in the food court soliciting for money. The male was escorted out of the building.

**02/25 Mailman Center Debbie School**

Security discovered a male lying on the ground on the west end of the building. The male was escorted away from the building.

## **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 February, security officers provided 119 escorts with an average waiting time of 4:27 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.