

University of Miami Medical Campus Crime Summary Report May 2011

****Tip of the Month****

Use Alternate forms of ID to Protect Your Valuable SSN

Originally, social security numbers (SSN) were created to track an individual's wages and earnings and to monitor social security benefits. Today, your SSN is considered a key identifier for who you are to employers, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and other government agencies. Specific laws restrict when you must provide a SSN for identity purposes. The [Social Security Administration website](#) has an ample list of the places where you are required to provide a SSN including:

1. IRS for tax returns and federal loans
2. Employers for wage and tax reporting and if enrolled in E-Verify
3. Banks for monetary transactions
4. Veterans Administration as a hospital admission number
5. Department of Labor for workers' compensation
6. Department of Education for Student Loans
7. States to administer any tax, general public assistance, school lunch program, motor vehicle or driver's license law, child support enforcement, commercial drivers' licenses, food stamps, Medicaid, Unemployment Compensation
8. U.S. Treasury for U.S. Savings Bonds

If you are concerned about an organization requesting your SSN for identity purposes, there are alternative pieces of information you can provide to verify your identity including: Driver's license, Passport, current and previous address, and Student ID (if applicable).

In addition to providing other forms of ID besides your SSN you should ask these questions to the requesting company or organization to figure out if it is really necessary for them to have it:

- Why do you need my number?
- How will my number be used?
- What happens if I refuse to give you my number for safety reasons?
- What law requires me to give you my number?

If you find yourself concerned about someone requesting a SSN and you aren't getting a straight answer about why they need it, don't share it. Be sure to offer and show another form of identity to keep your SSN and your identity safe!

Thefts

05/01 UM Hospital

Two bags of food items were discovered near the 4th floor kitchen entrance. Investigation indicated an employee planned on taking the items home. The employee was terminated. (Solved)

05/02 Sylvester Cancer Center

A box of 200 white envelopes was reported missing from an unsecured 2nd floor registration area.

05/03 UM Hospital

A patient drove to the Emergency Room with chest pains and forgot to lock their car. Patient discovered that credit cards, a money order and driver license was missing from a purse left in the car.

05/04 Fred Cowell Mall

Employee reported that the headlight from their bicycle left locked to the bike rack across from the Calder Library was missing. Item valued at \$32.00.

05/05 UM Hospital Parking Garage

Employee reported the hood of their vehicle was missing from the 3rd floor.

05/05 Biomedical Research Building

Eight bottles of serum was reported missing from an unsecured freezer in a 7th floor lab. Items valued at \$1,200.00.

05/06 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

A visitor reported that a digital camera was missing from the center console of their vehicle that had been left with the valet. Item valued at \$300.00.

05/10 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

Four promotional towels were reported taken from a box in a secured 5th floor room. Items valued at \$40.00.

05/11 UM Hospital

Patient in a Penthouse floor room reported that their wallet was missing from a purse. The wallet contained credit cards and identification.

05/11 UM Hospital and Clinics

\$460.00 cash was discovered missing from a safe in the cafeteria when opened in the morning.

05/13 UM Hospital

Patient's daughter reported that a plastic bag containing \$550 worth of jewelry was not returned after a CT scan. The jewelry was located and returned to the patient. (Solved)

05/13 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

Optical shop on 1st floor reported a known male trespasser took a pair of Ray Ban sunglasses. The male was contacted and the sunglasses were recovered.

05/14 Rosenstiel Medical Science Building

Security reported a projector was missing from a 4th floor auditorium. Security investigator determined the item was removed and replaced with a new projector. (Solved)

05/14 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

Optical shop reported a female left the shop with a pair of Ray Ban sunglasses in her purse. The female was contacted by security and the item could not be located.

05/19 UM Hospital

Contractor reported a power drill was taken from a work cart while on the 1st floor. Security video identified the perpetrator, a visitor. Miami Police are investigating.

05/19 Dominion Garage

Employee discovered damage to the driver's door of their SUV parked on the 3rd floor. A hard case containing golf clubs was missing from the rear of the vehicle.

05/20 Professional Arts Center

Employee reported leaving an Apple iPhone in a 3rd floor restroom. Item valued at \$400.00.

05/22 UM Hospital Parking Garage

Employee discovered that the front passenger window was broken out while parked on the 5th floor. A GPS device and 20 CDs were missing from the glove compartment. The items were valued at \$350.00.

05/23 Sylvester Cancer Center

Employee reported that several small glass figures and a pair of reading glasses were missing from her desk in a 3rd floor department.

05/23 UM Hospital

Manager reported that 18 Harmonic Ace Curved Shears were missing from a 3rd floor storage room over the week end. Items valued at \$6,530.00. On 05/30 the perpetrator was identified and admitted to the thefts. (Solved)

05/23 14th Street Garage

Employee reported that the seat from his bicycle was missing. The bicycle was chained to a railing on the ground level.

05/23 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

Morrison's reported leaving a Sony AM/FM/CD player unsecured at a food kiosk in the food court over the week end. The item was missing.

05/24 UM Hospital

Manager reported that 12 boxes of surgical staples were missing from a 3rd floor storage room. Items valued at \$8,800.00. On 05/30 the perpetrator was identified and admitted to the thefts. (Solved)

05/25 UM Hospital

Employee reported that a pair of high heel shoes left under a locker in a 3rd floor dressing room was missing.

05/25 Fred Cowell Mall

Employee reported locking their bicycle to the bike rack across from the Calder Library. When he returned the bicycle was gone. Item valued at \$1,200.00.

05/26 UM Hospital and Clinics

Employee reported leaving her purse in an unsecured 3rd floor office. Employee later discovered a wallet containing credit cards, checks, identification and \$25.00 cash was missing.

05/26 UM Hospital and Clinics

Employee reported that several small items such as chocolate candies and a tube of body lotion were missing from a desk in a ground floor office.

05/26 Northwest 14th Street East of 12th Avenue

Employee reported than a male grabbed her cell phone out of her hand as she was walking eastbound on the sidewalk.

05/28 UM Hospital

Patent in a Penthouse floor room reported that \$11.00 cash was missing from room.

Assault

None

Burglary

None

Vehicle Incidents

05/03 Dominion Towers

A visitor backing out of a parking space on the north side of the building struck a parked employee's car causing minor damage.

05/03 14th Street Garage

A visitor backing out of a parking space on the ground level struck an employee's vehicle causing minor.

05/04 Dominion Garage

Employee reported seeing an individual near their vehicle parked on the 2nd floor. Security arrived and found the passenger window broken out. The individual could not be located.

05/12 14th Street Garage

Employee who drove a UM vehicle from the garage to a facility in Palm Beach Gardens reported finding damage to the vehicle while parked at the facility. Video revealed the employee caused the damage before leaving the Medical Campus garage. The employee was terminated.

05/09 UM Hospital Employee Parking Lot

Employee operating a utility cart struck a tree causing minor damage to the vehicle. There were no injuries.

05/18 Bascom Palmer Patient Parking Lot

Vehicle entering the lot was struck on the roof by the entrance gate causing minor damage.

05/27 Kendall Medical Center

Two visitors backed into each other in the parking lot. There was minor damage and no injuries.

05/31 UM Hospital west parking lot

Visitor struck another visitor's vehicle while backing out of a space. There was minor damage and no injuries.

Trespassers

05/03 Mailman Center Debbie School

Security advised of a suspicious male on the northwest side of the building annoying passersby on the sidewalk. The male was contacted and escorted away from the building.

05/03 McKnight Building

Security advised that a male and female were taking flowers near the main entrance. The individuals left the area before security arrived.

05/06 Mailman Center Debbie School

A suspicious male entered the lobby, approached the receptionist and advised that someone had murdered his daughter. As security approached the male quickly fled and was not located.

05/10 Clinical Research Building

Security advised of a male using the outside pool fountain to wash his clothes. The male was contacted by security and 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 May, security officers provided 79 escorts with an average waiting time of 3:32 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.