

University of Miami Medical Campus Crime Summary Report August 2011

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

How to prevent your bike from being stolen.

There are only two types of locks you should consider for your bike.

- **A U-lock (preferably heavy-duty) made by one of the reputable, brand-name bike lock companies.**
- **A heavy-duty chain and lock combinations made by the same reputable, brand-name lock companies.**

Do not use a cable lock or light-duty chain—they can be easily cut, literally within a second of a thief's attack. Don't waste your money on one—buy a real bike lock instead.

In high-risk areas, you may even want to use a combination of a U-lock and a heavy-duty chain; using these two different types of heavy-duty locks together will encourage almost every thief to move on to another, more easily stolen bike.

Once you have a serious bike lock, you will need to use proper locking technique—no lock can prevent theft if it's used improperly. As an example, many cyclists who have used a good-quality U-lock to lock their bike to a bike rack by the front wheel have returned to find the front wheel still locked to the rack, and the rest of the bike gone.

The rule of thumb you will want to follow is to lock your bike to a metal structure that is securely fastened in cement or otherwise fastened securely to the cement, and which cannot be easily cut or dismantled. Also, be aware that thieves have been known to remove traffic signs from poles and then slide the bike up over the pole. Never lock your bike to a wooden railing or small tree—thieves have been known to cut through these to remove the bike.

You will want the smallest lock that will secure your bike to a rack. Your U-lock is at its strongest when there is no extra space between the bike, the rack, and the lock in which a thief can slip a lever or a jack. If you have large gaps between the lock and the rack, your lock is too big for the job—get a smaller lock.

Thefts

08/02 UM Hospital

Employee reported that their wallet was missing from an unsecured 5th floor office. Wallet contained \$100.00 cash, debit and credit cards.

08/03 Mental Health Hospital Center

Employee left a Coach wallet on a desk in a 3rd floor unsecured office. When the employee returned the wallet containing \$300.00, miscellaneous identification and credit cards was missing.

08/04 Dominion Garage

Employee returning to their vehicle on the 5th level discovered the driver's side window broken out. An iPhone charger and a Nexstar GPS device was missing. Items valued at \$180.00.

08/04 UM Hospital Parking Garage

Security discovered a vehicle on the 6th level with the driver's window broken out. Owner found to be a visitor who stated a Garmin GPS device was missing along with a digital camera.

08/05 UM Hospital

Employee reported that a waist support belt was missing from their locker on the 2nd floor of the East Building.

08/08 Dominion Garage

Employee reported finding that their vehicle parked on the 2nd level with the front passenger window broken out. A Magellan GPS device left on the windshield was taken.

08/08 14th Street Garage

A vehicle parked on the 9th level was discovered with a broken driver's side window. The owner, a contractor, reported that a GPS device, laptop computer and a power inverter were taken.

08/10 UM Hospital

A visitor reported that after going outside to the benches near the main entrance he could not locate his cell phone. The visitor called the phone and someone answered it but did not say anything.

08/12 14th Street Garage

Employee reported that their vehicle was broken into while parked on the 3rd level. A GPS device, electric meter and leak detector were taken.

08/12 UM Hospital

Security observed a patient with a hospital heart monitor get into a vehicle near the East Building. The theft was reported to Miami Police. Later in the day security was able to contact the patient and the item was returned. (Solved)

08/12 UM Hospital

Department director reported that supplies were missing from their area on the 1st floor of the South Building. The items were shoe covers, elbow pads, SCD sleeves and mops.

08/13 Sickle Cell Building

An employee heard a noise coming from outside and went to investigate and discovered that his vehicle was broken into. A satellite radio receiver valued at \$100.00 was taken.

08/15 UM Hospital

Employee reported that a Hamilton Beach blender was missing from an employee break room on the 4th floor.

08/15 UM Hospital

A patient reported leaving an unknown make phone charger in the Emergency Room/Triage area prior to being admitted. The item could not be located.

08/15 Dominion Garage

Employee reported that their vehicle parked on the 4th level was broken into. A Sony DVD player valued at \$249.00 was taken.

08/16 14th Street Garage

Security discovered a vehicle parked on the 9th level with the right rear passenger window broken out. The employee owner was contacted and advised a DVD player was missing from the vehicle.

08/16 14th Street Garage

Employee discovered their driver's door window was broken out a Garmin GPS was taken. Item valued at \$200.00.

08/17 UM Hospital

Employee reported leaving their iPhone in a 2nd floor restroom. When they returned two minutes later the phone was gone.

08/17 UM Hospital

Vending machine contractor reported that \$250.00 was missing from a machine on the 1st floor of the West Building. No signs of forced entry.

08/19 Mailman Center for Child Development

Visitor reported leaving a Blackberry cell phone in a 1st floor clinic waiting area. The visitor searched the area but could not locate the phone. Item valued at \$200.00.

08/20 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

Employee reported that their locker in a 2nd floor locker room was entered and some parking passes and a makeup bag was taken.

08/21 UM Hospital

Employee reported that their bicycle was missing from an area near the main entrance. Video revealed an individual taking the bike. The individual was identified as a visitor and was contacted by Miami Police. The employee refused to press charges.

08/24 UM Hospital

Patient in an 8th floor room reported that their Metro PCS cell phone was missing.

08/25 Lois Pope Life Center

Employee reported that a file folder and a package of clear file folder covers were missing from a work station in a 2nd floor office. 09/01 it was reported to the security investigator that the folder was located. (Solved)

08/28 UM Hospital and Clinics

A nurse reported that a patient in a 4th floor room was missing their cell phone. The patient did not want to make a report and refused to provide any information.

08/30 UM Hospital

Employee in a doctor's office in the West Building reported that a specimen box for the 3rd floor suite was missing. The item was valued at \$150.00. Security investigator determined that the item was picked up by the laboratory company. (Solved)

08/31 UM Hospital

A patient in a 6th floor room reported that their cell phone was missing after returning to the room after a procedure.

08/31 Miami Police

Detectives reported the arrest of two subjects who were suspected of the vehicle burglaries and attempts at UM Hospital, Dominion Garage and 14th Street Garage during the month of August. They were also suspected of numerous similar crimes on the JMH campus.

Assault

08/02 UM Hospital

Two Food Services employees were involved in a physical altercation inside and nearby the 4th floor elevators. Both employee sustained minor injuries.

08/11 UM Hospital

Two employees became involved in an argument over a parking space on the 6th level. One employee alleged her jacket was grabbed by the other employee. That employee alleged her arm was grabbed.

08/31 UM Hospital

Nurse reported that a patient in a Penthouse floor room struck her while she was attempting to take the patient's blood pressure.

Burglary

None

Vehicle Incidents

08/04 14th Street Garage

Employee reported finding minor damage on the front passenger side of her vehicle parked on the 1st level.

08/08 Highland Parking Garage

Employee reported finding his vehicle parked on the 4th level with minor damage to the driver's door.

08/19 15th Street Garage

Employee reported finding a scratch on the passenger side bumper of their vehicle that had been parked on the 3rd level.

08/20 UM Hospital Parking Garage

Visitor discovered after leaving the 7th floor of the garage that there was minor damage to the driver's side fender and bumper.

08/23 Sylvester Cancer Center

Visitor reported that there was minor damage to the right front bumper of their vehicle when it was returned by the valet.

08/23 Dominion Towers

A student attempting to exit the surface parking lot struck the rear of a visitor's vehicle causing minor damage.

08/25 Dominion Garage

An employee and a visitor travelling in opposite directions were involved in a minor collision on the 4th level ramp.

Trespassers

08/02 UM Hospital and Clinics

Security observed a suspicious male entering a 1st floor clinic. The male was attempting to obtain coffee placed out for patients. The male was contacted and escorted out of the building.

08/06 15th Street Garage

Security advised of female harassing passersby near the entrance door. The female was contacted and left the area.

08/09 McKnight Vision Research Center

Security observed a suspicious male follow an employee into the building. The male was contacted and escorted out of the building.

08/10 UM Hospital and Clinics

Security observed a suspicious male loitering in the parking lot. The male was contacted and left the area.

08/11 Linda Ray Center

Security responded to a report that a female was burning newspapers in the parking lot. The female was contacted and police responded. She was taken into custody and transported to Mental Health.

08/11 Sickle Cell Building

Security called regarding a suspicious male loitering near the front entrance. Security responded and the male returned to his vehicle parked in the area.

08/15 Two Story Lab

Employee reported that a construction contractor opened the northwest entrance door allowing an unauthorized male to enter the building. The employee contacted the male and escorted him out of the building.

08/16 UM Hospital

A patient discharged from the Emergency Room refused to leave. Miami Police responded and the male was arrested.

08/20 14th Street Garage

Security observed a male and female enter the building on foot in the early morning hours. The couple was contacted and police responded. The individuals appeared to be confused about in which garage their vehicle was parked.

08/22 Park Plaza West

A female entered a ground floor office and was causing a disturbance. Security contacted and the female was escorted away from the area.

08/24 Park Plaza West

JMH security advised of a known trespasser that was observed loitering in the building. Miami-Dade Police responded and after investigating the male was released.

08/26 UM Hospital

A male discharged from the Emergency Room refused to leave the area and attempted to re enter the building. Miami Police contacted the male and escorted him off the property.

08/28 MRI Center

Security observed an altercation between a male and female on the roadway in front of the building. The female attempted to enter the building and was asked to leave the area. The female left without incident.

08/29 Schoninger Research Quadrangle

Security observed a suspicious male carrying a stick and yelling at passersby. The male was contacted and escorted off the property.

08/29 Vicana Warehouse

Security observed a male removing metal from the dumpster in the parking lot. The male was contacted and escorted off the property.

08/30 Elliott Building

Security called regarding a male sleeping on the east side of the building. The individual was gone when security arrived.

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 August, security officers provided 120 escorts with an average waiting time of 3:38 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.