

University of Miami

Medical Campus

Crime Summary Report

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

Smart Cards Are Convenient But Can Be Risky

"Smart Cards", credit cards embedded with RFID (radio-frequency identification) chips, are getting more attention as more banks issue them to their customers.

What is RFID - and why is it in my credit card?

An RFID credit card has a radio frequency microprocessor inside it that contains your card information. When you check out at the register, you wave your smart card within a few inches of an RFID-enabled terminal. The terminal reads your data, transmitted via radio waves, and completes your purchase. This is the technology used at unmanned tollbooths that let you drive right through.

Do RFID credit cards put you at risk for identity theft or fraud?

Having a smart card on you turns you into a walking radio station. Because it's broadcasting frequency or your information all the time, thieves can steal your information. With 100 dollars worth of equipment and a little bit of knowledge that you can get off of the Internet, you can actually read these cards.

If you're concerned, there are some easy steps you can take to "lower the frequency" on your RFID cards and keep your data more secure:

- Leave your RFID credit card at home, and use it only for online purchases. Pay for in-store purchases with cash or regular credit cards.
- Consider buying a "credit card shield" for more protection. There are a number of companies that make card shields and wallets made out of aluminum or stainless steel to block RFID-reading scanners.
- Take notice if someone gets way too close to you on a busy street or in a crowded mall, they might be wielding a scanner.
- Monitor your credit card statements regularly for errors or odd charges.

Thefts

09/08 Dominion Garage

Employee discovered the driver's side window broken out of their vehicle parked on the 2nd level. A GPS device and charger were taken.

09/08 Dominion Garage

Security observed a vehicle parked on the 2nd level with the driver's side window broken out. The owner, an employee, was located and advised a GPS device was missing from the vehicle. Item valued at \$120.00.

09/09 Sylvester Cancer Center

Employee reported food items missing from a 2nd floor physicians' lounge.

09/12 UM Hospital Parking Garage

Employee reported that their vehicle was broken into while parked on the 5th level. The driver's side window was broken out and a GPS device was taken.

09/12 McKnight Vision Research Center

Employee reported that a Sony Walkman radio was missing from an unsecured desk drawer in a secured 5th floor office.

09/12 Rosenstiel Medical Science Building

Employee reported that a Dell laptop computer, last seen on 07/27, was missing from a basement office.

09/12 Life Science and Technology Park

A contractor reported that a Dell laptop computer was missing from a work area on the 1st floor. Item valued at \$800.00.

09/12 UM Hospital

Patient reported that her watch was taken from her in the Emergency Room and not found after she was admitted. The item was valued at \$100.00.

09/16 UM Hospital

Patient reported that \$200 cash was missing from a purse in a Penthouse floor room. The patient refused to give any additional information.

09/17 UM Hospital

Physician reported that his iPad was missing from a 1st floor nurse's station. Item valued at \$600.00.

09/20 14th Street Garage

Employee reported that their bicycle was taken from the ground floor bike rack. Item valued at \$500.00.

09/20 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

Vending machine service man reported that the machine in the food court area had been entered through the credit card slot and \$200.00 cash was taken.

09/20 14th Street Garage

Employee reported that their Mongoose bicycle was taken from the ground floor bike rack. Item valued at \$200.00.

09/21 Rosenstiel Medical Science Building

Employee left an Apple iPhone on a shelf in a 2nd floor rest room. When they returned the item was gone.

09/26 UM Hospital

Physician reported that an Apple iMac computer was missing from his East Building 1st floor office. Item valued at \$2,000.00.

09/24 UM Hospital Parking Garage

Security discovered a vehicle on the 6th level with the front passenger window broken out. The owner was located and stated a CD player was missing from inside of the vehicle. Item valued at \$60.00.

09/28 UM Hospital

Visitor reported that his wallet was missing after leaving the 2nd floor Café Cart to get change for a \$100 bill. Security investigator discovered that the wallet had been found in the pharmacy and returned. (Solved)

09/28 UM Hospital

Physician reported that a Nook Color Reader was missing from an unsecured cabinet in a 4th floor office. Item valued at \$400.00.

09/28 UM Hospital Parking Garage

Student reported that his Cadex Giant bicycle was missing from the west end of the 1st floor where it had been chained. Item valued at \$600.00.

Assault

09/17 UM Hospital

Juvenile niece of a patient's daughter punched the daughter during an argument about the patient. Miami Police took custody of the juvenile.

Burglary

None

Vehicle Incidents

09/01 14th Street Garage

Employee reported that their vehicle was struck sometime during the day while parked on the 5th level. There was minor damage on the rear bumper.

09/07 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

Employee reported discovering a broken left rear tail light broken on a UM truck parked in the valet lot.

09/07 UM Hospital

A visitor exited their vehicle at the East Building valet. The vehicle accelerated striking a trash can, a palm tree and a retaining wall. There were no injuries.

09/07 15th Street Garage

A student and an employee travelling in opposite directions on the 2nd level collided. There was minor damage and no injuries.

09/12 14th Street Surface Parking Lot

An individual pulled into the lot to inquire about parking there. When they went to back out they struck a parked vehicle causing minor damage.

09/12 UM Hospital Parking Garage

Employee discovered the driver's side window broken out of their vehicle parked on the 5th level. Nothing was missing from the vehicle.

09/12 UM Hospital Parking Garage

Employee reported finding the driver's side window broken of their vehicle parked on the 5th level. Nothing was missing from the vehicle.

09/16 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

Employee operating a UM van, opened the door after parking on the loading dock. The door window struck a stack of scaffolding causing it to break out.

09/18 Dominion Garage

Employee reported finding all their windows half way down on their vehicle left parked on the 2nd level. There were no signs of tampering and nothing was missing.

09/19 NW 15th Street Road and 14th Avenue

Security vehicle was struck in the rear by another vehicle causing minor damage.

09/20 14th Street Garage

An employee backed into another employee's vehicle near the receiving area. There was minor damage and no injuries.

09/20 UM Hospital Parking Garage

A visitor struck an employee's vehicle in the rear causing a chain reaction involving two additional vehicles on the 1st level. There was minor damage and no injuries.

09/21 UM Hospital and Clinics

Patient reported finding a small dent on the right side of the front bumper when it was returned by the valet.

09/25 Vicana Warehouse

Security officer responding to the building in the security vehicle damaged the front passenger door having striking a fire hydrant.

09/26 15th Street Garage

An employee leaving the 4th level was struck by another employee travelling in the opposite direction. There was minor damage and no injuries.

09/27 15th Street Garage

Employee travelling on the 8th level struck another employee backing out of a space. There was moderate damage to the vehicles and no injuries.

Trespassers

09/05 Life Science and Technology Park

Security observed a male banging on the front entrance door causing the alarm to go off. The male was contacted and appeared to be intoxicated. The male was escorted away from the building.

09/07 Dominion Towers

Security advised of a known trespasser walking around the building disrobing. Security observed the male walking away from the campus on 14th Street.

09/07 UM Hospital

Security advised of a male lying behind a trailer near the northwest gate. The male was contacted and escorted off the property.

09/08 Rosenstiel Medical Science Building

Security observed a known male trespasser loitering near the building. The male threw a rock at the security vehicle as he quickly left the area.

09/08 UM Hospital

Security advised of a suspicious male wandering around on the 7th floor. The male was contacted and when it was determined he had no business in the building he was escorted out.

09/09 Sylvester Cancer Center

Security observed a known trespasser and made contact with the male near the west entrance. The male was escorted off the property.

09/14 14th Street Garage

Security found a male sitting in the security golf cart near the entrance. The male appeared to be in distress and Miami Police was called. The police responded and took the male into custody.

09/15 Vicana Warehouse

Security advised of an individual removing items from the dumpster. The male was contacted and advised to leave the area.

09/20 UM Hospital

Security was advised of an individual asking passersby near the West Building Emergency Room to use their cell phone. A check of the area was made and the individual was not located.

09/16 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

Security received several calls regarding a male panhandling in the food court. The male was contacted and escorted out of the building.

09/22 Diabetes Research Institute

Unicco employee refused to allow a suspicious male to enter the building through the east employee entrance.

09/24 Dominion Garage

Physical Plant employee reported that a suspicious male was loitering on the 2nd floor. The individual could not be located.

09/27 Schoninger Research Quadrangle

Security called to area near the Gautier Building regarding a suspicious male. The male was contacted and escorted off the property.

09/28 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

Security observed a suspicious male enter through the rear entrance. The male was contacted and escorted out of the building.

09/29 UM Hospital and Clinics

Security observed and stopped a known trespasser enter the building and head toward a 1st floor department. The male was contacted and escorted out of 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 September, security officers provided 174 escorts with an average waiting time of 3:17 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.