

# **University of Miami Medical Campus Crime Summary Report April 2012**

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

### **Stay Safe on Campus**

Campus safety is everyone's responsibility. You can protect yourself and your community by taking steps to decrease your exposure to risks. Being aware of your surroundings, using assertive body language, keeping doors locked and using the buddy system will help you feel safer and may deter an attacker.

### **Safety Tips for the Office, Classroom, Laboratory or Library**

- Avoid working or studying alone in a building at night. Have a friend available for emergencies.
- Avoid using stairs in remote sections of a building.
- Keep your purse locked up in a drawer or cabinet instead of underneath or on top of your desk.
- Keep any money or stamps in a locked drawer.
- Keep personal belongings in view at all times.
- Never prop doors open, even for a short time, especially fire doors.
- Do not remove rings to wash hands. They can easily be lost or stolen.
- Call the police if you see a man entering, leaving or in a woman's lavatory. Do not stop to ask the individual questions.
- Report any suspicious behavior to a staff member or the police. Remember the individual's appearance to relay to the dispatcher. Do not confront the individual.
- Advise security of any hazards or security problems.
- Use a walking escort service or walk with a friend at night.

## **Thefts**

### **04/02 Sylvester Cancer Center**

A patient reported that while she was in a ground floor waiting area an Apple iPad may have been taken. Item valued at \$800.00.

### **04/03 Kendall Medical Center**

Employee reported that the radio was removed from their vehicle parked in the lot. The door was left unlocked because of problems with the car alarm. Item valued at \$20.00.

**04/04 UM Hospital and Clinics**

A patient reported that a video game was missing from their vehicle left with the valet.

**04/08 UM Hospital**

A patient in an East Building 11<sup>th</sup> floor room reported that a wallet left in a purse in the closet was missing. The wallet contained \$30.00 cash and miscellaneous identification.

**04/06 UM Hospital and Clinics**

Student reported that their main campus parking permit left hanging on the rear view mirror was missing when returned by the valet. Video showed the vehicle entering the valet lot with no hang tag.

**04/12 UM Hospital**

Security alerted to a female leaving the building with three bags full of hospital blankets, towels and bed pads. The female was not located.

**04/11 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Employee reported that while walking a male approached and grabbed their necklace. The male fled toward the Metrorail Station. Item valued at \$20.00.

**04/12 UM Hospital**

Visitor reported that while in the cafeteria paying for food someone took their box of chocolates. Item valued at \$15.00.

**04/18 UM Hospital**

A vendor representative reported that 4 boxes containing medical devices were missing from a hallway in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor surgery area. Items valued at \$27,456.00.

**04/20 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute**

Employee reported that they discovered a wallet missing from their purse left unsecured at a 1<sup>st</sup> floor work station. The wallet contained credit cards and identification.

**04/23 UM Hospital Parking Garage**

A physician reported that their vehicle was broken into while parked on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor. An old purse/back pack and a Blackberry cell phone were taken.

**04/23 UM Hospital and Clinics**

Employee reported that 3 blood pressure cuffs, a gel warmer and hand wipes were missing from three 3<sup>rd</sup> floor rooms.

**04/26 UM Hospital**

A patient in a 6<sup>th</sup> floor room reported that their wife's cell phone was missing from the room.

**04/27 Two Story Lab**

Employee reported that their bicycle was missing from a bike rack on the north side of the building.

04/28 UM Hospital

Parking contractor reported that a LCD screen installed in the cashiers' booth in the west parking lot was missing. Item valued \$1,351.00.

## Assault

04/09 UM Hospital

A security officer attempting to restrain a patient was struck on the right side of the face by a carton of milk thrown by the patient.

04/22 UM Hospital

Emergency Room nurse reported that they were struck by a patient. Miami Police responded decided not to charge the patient.

## Burglary

04/12 Jackson Medical Towers

The west stairwell door on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor was forced open and the office suite was entered and ransacked. Miscellaneous items from the desks, loose change, candy and sunglasses were taken. Miami Police are investigating.

## Vehicle Incidents

04/02 15<sup>th</sup> Street Garage

Employee exiting the garage struck a vehicle travelling on 15<sup>th</sup> Street. There was minor damage and no injuries.

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

An employee turning from 14<sup>th</sup> Street to enter the garage was struck by a vehicle attempting to pass. There was minor damage and no injuries.

04/03 14<sup>th</sup> Street Garage

Employee reported finding scratches and a dent on their vehicle left parked on the 5<sup>th</sup> level.

04/05 14<sup>th</sup> Street Garage

Employee travelling on the ground level struck a parked vehicle causing minor damage.

04/10 Vicana Building

Contractor's vehicle parked near the loading dock was struck by a delivery vehicle causing minor damage.

04/12 14<sup>th</sup> Street Garage

Employee reported that on 04/09 a headlight on their vehicle was broken while it was parked on the 10<sup>th</sup> level.

**04/13 UM Hospital and Clinics**

Visitor reported that the door locks on their vehicle were not working after being returned by the valet.

**04/18 14<sup>th</sup> Street Garage**

An employee attempting to pass another employee on a motorcycle on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor struck the motorcycle causing minor damage.

**04/24 Miami Lakes Surplus Warehouse**

Forklift operator accidentally pushed a file cabinet into a vehicle parked near the receiving area. There was minor damage and no injuries.

**04/24 Triangle Parking Lot**

Transportation employee reported that he struck an object while driving on I-95 causing minor damage to the vehicle.

**04/26 UM Hospital Parking Garage**

Visitor discovered damage on their vehicle left on the 5<sup>th</sup> level. There was a note left identifying the driver causing the damage as another visitor.

**04/30 UM Hospital Parking Garage**

Visitor reported that the driver's door window of their vehicle parked on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor was shattered. The window was still in place and nothing was missing from the vehicle.

**04/30 UM Hospital Employee Parking Lot**

Employee reported that they discovered minor damage to their vehicle's right side passenger door.

## **Trespassers**

**04/01 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute**

Security discovered that a male entered the 1<sup>st</sup> floor avoiding the security desk. The male was located in the restroom. It was determined that he had no business in the building and was escorted out.

**04/02 Clinical Research Building**

Security alerted to a male standing in 14<sup>th</sup> Street yelling at the parking cashier. The male was contacted and escorted away from the area.

**04/02 Calder Library**

Security discovered a male sleeping on the east side of the building. The male was escorted away from the area.

**04/05 Sylvester Cancer Center**

Security observed a suspicious male sitting in the lobby. The male was contacted and questioned regarding his reason for being in the building. The male declined to respond but left the building.

04/08 Calder Library

Security discovered a male sleeping near the southeast corner of the building. The male was escorted away from the area.

04/16 Mailman Center

Security discovered a male panhandling in the lobby. The male was contacted and escorted out of the building.

04/19 Linda Ray Center

Security discovered two males loitering near the east parking lot. The males were contacted and escorted away from the area.

04/20 UM Hospital and Clinics

Security observed two suspicious males enter the lobby and proceeded to a first floor clinic. The individuals were attempting to get coffee placed out for patients. The male were contacted and escorted out of the building.

04/24 UM Hospital

A male in the Emergency Room waiting area was asked to leave by staff. After refusing Miami Police responded and the male left the area.

04/24 Mailman Center

Security alerted to a male sleeping on the north side of the building. The male was contacted and advised he was a Jackson Hospital patient. He left the area headed toward the JMH campus.

04/25 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

Security observed a suspicious male enter the south entrance. It was determined that the male was not a patient and was attempting to obtain coffee left out for patients. The male left the building without incident.

04/26 Rosenstiel Medical Science Building

A male entering the building with no ID refused to stop for security. The male was contacted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor 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 April, security officers provided 113 escorts with an average waiting time of 3:46 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.