

University of Miami Medical Campus Crime Summary Report July 2012

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

Burglary 101

According to the FBI, a burglary occurs somewhere in the US every 15.4 seconds, making it the most common threat to our homes.

Welcome to Summer! Summertime is a great season to enjoy the warm weather, spend some quality time with your family and take that vacation you have been talking about since January! But it's also a time when, according the FBI, home burglaries spike due to vacationing homeowners and the tell-tale signs they leave that signal that their house is "home alone!"

A burglary is the crime of breaking and entering a dwelling for the purpose of committing a felony (stealing your valuables).

- **85% of all home burglaries occur between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM when no one is usually home.**
- **Burglars spend an average 8 to 12 minutes in the home of a victim and target homes that appear to be empty of occupants**
- **As you would imagine, a burglar's favorite items to steal include cash, jewelry, electronics (laptops, DVRs, small devices), silver, guns and anything the burglar can sell easily**
- **The first stop most thieves go to is the master bedroom, where most high valued items reside.**
- **Most burglars are not caught; only 13% of all reported burglaries are actually solved.**
- **Average loss to a homeowner: \$2,100 ..the fact that many burglaries can be prevented: PRICELESS!**

Thefts

07/02 [Sylvester Cancer Center](#)

Employee reported that a wallet left under a desk in a 1st floor clinic was missing. The wallet contained credit cards, driver license and other identification.

07/03 Gautier Building

Security observed on video a male attempting to take a bicycle from the bike rack on the east end of the building. The male was contacted and had removed the front wheel of the bicycle. Miami Police responded and took the male into custody. (Solved)

07/05 UM Hospital and Clinics

A patient reported that while they were sleeping in a 2nd floor room a cell phone and video games left on a meal tray were missing when they woke up. Items valued at \$150.00.

07/05 UM Hospital and Clinics

A patient reported that some music CD's and sun glasses were missing from their car when returned by the valet.

07/05 UM Hospital

A patient in a 6th floor room reported that a watch left on a recliner chair overnight was missing. The item was valued at \$50.00.

07/07 UM Hospital

A patient called to report that they discovered \$185.00 in cash missing from their belongings after arriving home from a stay in a 7th floor room.

07/10 Wellness Center

A member reported that their purse left momentarily on a treadmill was missing. The purse contained credit cards, identification and an undetermined amount of cash. The purse minus the cash was later recovered in the men's locker room trash. Video revealed the perpetrator who was contacted on 07/12. The male admitted to taking the cash and returned it. He was escorted out of the building and given a trespass warning. (Solved)

07/10 UM Hospital

A patient reported that their cell phone was missing from an 8th floor room. Item valued at \$250.00.

07/11 Lois Pope Life Center

Employee reported that two rolls of postage stamps were missing from a 2nd floor office. Items valued at \$90.00.

07/12 UM Hospital

A physician reported that a pair of surgical loupes was missing from the 3rd floor physicians' lounge. The item was valued at \$950.00.

07/12 Rosenstiel Medical Science Building

Security observed a male attempting to take a wheel from a bicycle locked to the bike rack on the east end of the building. The male was detained for Miami Police who took the male into custody. The wheel was returned to the owner. (Solved)

07/12 14th Street Garage

Wellness Center member reported that a black Coach wallet was taken from their car left parked in the garage. Security investigator reviewed video and determined no one was near the vehicle while in the garage. (Solved)

07/12 UM Hospital

Employee in a 1st floor West Building clinic reported their back pack missing. The item was left unsecured under a desk.

07/13 Batchelor Children's Center

Employee reported that their iPod left in 6th floor break room was missing.

07/16 UM Hospital Parking Garage

Employee reported that someone entered their vehicle left parked on the 5th floor and took a pair of Gucci sunglasses. There were no signs of forced entry to the vehicle. Item valued at \$450.00.

07/16 Linda Ray Center

Student's mother reported that a purse was taken from their unlocked vehicle while dropping off the student. The Coach purse contained a Kindle Fire and a debit card. Items valued at \$350.00.

07/16 UM Hospital and Clinics

Security discovered a male attempting to cut copper cable connected to a portable generator at the receiving area. The male fled the area when security approached.

07/17 UM Hospital Parking Garage

A visitor reported that all four wheels were missing from his vehicle left parked on the 6th floor.

07/17 15th Street Garage

A student reported that their license tag was missing from their vehicle left parked on the 7th floor. Security video revealed that the vehicle arrived at the garage without a tag. (Solved)

07/18 UM Hospital

Employee reported that a patient's iPhone left charging on the Emergency Room Triage Desk was missing. Security was able to locate the perpetrator who confessed to taking the phone. Miami Police responded the phone was recovered and the individual was arrested. (Solved)

07/19 UM Hospital

Employee reported that their bicycle left unlocked near the Emergency Room entrance was missing. The item was valued at \$100.00.

07/19 Dominion Towers

Employee from an 11th floor department reported that coffee and creamer was missing from a desk.

07/23 Rosenstiel Medical Science Building

Administrator reported that a bottle of a calibration substance was taken from an 8th floor storage room. Item valued at \$298.00.

07/24 UM Hospital

A medical device company representative reported that their company iPod II and a leather binder were missing from a messenger bag left unsecured in a 3rd floor locker room. Items valued at \$800.00.

07/27 UM Hospital

Employee reported that a book bag left in a 1st floor conference room over the week end was missing. The bag contained a USB drive and workout shorts. Items valued at \$120.00.

07/31 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

Optical shop manager reported that a male took a pair of eyeglass frames. Security found the male at the main entrance and retrieved the frames. Miami Police responded and elected not to arrest the male. (Solved)

07/31 Nation Parkinson Foundation

Patient reported leaving an iPad on a physician's desk during an appointment. When the patient returned for the item it was gone. 8/02 patient reported the item was found in their car. (Solved)

07/31 Rosenstiel Medical Science Building

Physical Plant reported finding the ground floor soda machine open. Video revealed an employee open the machine and took a soda. The machine was not secured when filled the previous night. The employee was contacted and paid for the soda. (Solved)

Assault

07/24 UM Hospital

A patient threatened staff with a broom in a 1st floor waiting area. Miami Police restrained the patient and took him into custody. There were no injuries.

07/28 UM Hospital

A contract employee reported that they got a ride to work with their estranged boyfriend. At the main entrance the boyfriend grabbed the employee by the wrist, hit her on the head and refused to let her out of the car. He released the employee when security approached. There were no injuries and the employee declined to make a police report.

07/30 UM Hospital

An employee reported that a co-worker met their boyfriend outside of the building and got onto his vehicle. The co-worker said the boyfriend pointed a gun at her.

Burglary

None

Vehicle Incidents

07/03 Debbie School

Employee reported that the passenger side window on a school van was broken out.

07/05 UM Hospital and Clinics Parking Lot

Security discovered a vehicle with the interior light on. It appeared that someone entered the unlocked vehicle looking for items.

07/10 15th Street Garage

An employee travelling on the 2nd floor ramp was struck by another employee travelling in the opposite direction. There was minor damage and no injuries.

07/10 14th Street Garage

An employee inexplicably drove into a wall on the 2nd level. The employee was transported to UM Hospital emergency with minor injuries. Miami Police are investigating.

07/13 Northwest 12th Avenue and 14th Street

A University van travelling north was struck by a vehicle attempting a lane change. There was minor damage and no injuries.

07/13 UM Hospital

A visitor reported that after they arrived home they discovered damage to the passenger side rear door of their vehicle. The vehicle was left with the West Building valet.

07/13 15th Street Garage

Employee reported finding a scratch on the roof of their vehicle left parked on the 4th floor.

07/16 Sylvester Cancer Center

A patient reported that when his vehicle was returned by the valet the leather bra was loose on one side. The patient alleged someone opened the hood. Nothing was missing or damaged.

07/18 UM Hospital Parking Garage

Employee reported that they found a note on their vehicle indicating a vehicle had struck their vehicle and left. There was minor damage to the employee's vehicle.

07/20 UM Hospital and Clinics

A contract employee reported finding a dent on the right rear of their vehicle left parked at the receiving area.

07/23 **NW 14th Street 11th Avenue**

University truck struck the rear of another vehicle causing minor damage. There were no injuries.

07/27 **UM Hospital**

Visitor reported that they discovered a dent in the passenger door of their car when it was returned by the valet.

07/30 **UM Hospital**

A visitor reported that her car was struck while waiting to exit the West Building parking lot. There was minor damage and no injuries.

Trespassers

07/10 **Sylvester Cancer Center**

Security discovered a male on the south side of the building. The male was intoxicated and was escorted off the property.

07/11 **Biomedical Research Building**

Security discovered an unauthorized male loitering in the main lobby. The male was escorted out of the building.

07/11 **UM Hospital**

Security observed that a male was harassing passersby outside of the South Building. The male was on public property and refused to leave. Miami Police were advised.

07/13 **UM Hospital**

A suspicious male attempted to enter the South Building. It was determined he was not authorized and was escorted out of the building.

07/15 **Bascom Palmer Eye Institute**

Security observed a suspicious female enter the building. She used the elevator to go to the 6th floor then returned to the lobby. The female was contacted and it was determined she had no business in the building and was escorted out.

07/19 **UM Hospital**

A male who had been discharged was refusing to leave the 6th floor. Miami Police responded and the individual was escorted out of the building.

07/20 **Rosenstiel Medical Science Building**

Security observed that a suspicious male was harassing passersby on the east side of the building. The male was contacted and escorted off the property.

07/20 **Clinical Research Building**

Security discovered a female sleeping on the stairs on the north side of the building. The female was escorted away from the building.

07/20 UM Hospital

Security observed a known trespasser attempting to enter the building through the main lobby. The male was contacted and denied entry.

07/23 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

Security was alerted to a suspicious male in a 2nd floor exam room. Security contacted the male and determined he was intoxicated. The individual was escorted out of the building.

07/26 Park Plaza West

Employee reported that a male entered a ground floor office to solicit money. When the employee refused the request the male left the office.

07/26 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

Security observed a suspicious male and female in the food court area. It was determined that they did not have business in the building and were escorted out.

07/29 UM Hospital and Clinics

Security observed two suspicious males loitering in the patio area. The males were contacted and escorted away from the area.

07/30 UM Hospital and Clinics

Security advised of a female angry because her insurance was not accepted and she had threatened staff. The female was contacted and escorted out of the building.

07/30 Papanicolaou Research Building

Security advised of a male harassing passersby on the southwest side of the building. The male was contacted and escorted off the property.

07/31 UM Hospital and Clinics

Security observed a suspicious male go to the 4th floor to obtain coffee left out for patients. The male was 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 July, security officers provided 119 escorts with an average waiting time of 4:45 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.