

University of Miami Medical Campus Crime Summary Report August 2012

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

Doors and Locks

Doors and windows are the primary means criminals get into your house! To prevent or make it extremely difficult for a criminal to force his way into your home consider these suggestions:

- **Use a solid core or metal door for all entrance points**
- **Use a quality, heavy-duty deadbolt lock with a one-inch throw bolt**
- **Use a quality, heavy-duty knob-in-lock set with a dead-latch mechanism**
- **Use a heavy-duty, four-screw, strike plate with 3-inch screws that penetrate into the wooded door frame**
- **If you have a solid front door, install a peephole so you can see who is at the door without having to open it**
- **Lock your doors and windows when you are away...even if you are just driving to do an errand; it just takes seconds for a burglar to strike**
- **To avoid being locked out, place a spare key in a combination lock box on your property and leave another with a trusted neighbor**
- **Be careful to whom you give your alarm codes and keys; some alarms now allow you to give each individual their own code so as to monitor their use.**
- **Keep a wooden dowel or stick in the track of sliding glass doors to prevent them from being opened from the outside**
- **Make sure your garage door has a good dead bolt on it – a garage door is usually one of the weakest points for a criminal to use to get into your house**
- **Keep your car locked even when it's in the garage**
- **Make sure garage lights can be turned on from inside the house or have a sensor that is triggered by your vehicle so you don't have to walk into a dark garage**
- **Change your garage-door opener code!!! Did you know that new openers come with factory-set codes that are meant to be changed, but many people neglect to do so? Burglars will drive around neighborhoods with common brands of remote openers, looking for garage doors that will open.**

Thefts

08/01 Sylvester Cancer Center

Employee reported that the front wheel on their bicycle, left near the west side emergency door, was missing.

08/01 ACC West

Employee reported that two laptop computers were missing from a 5th floor clinic.

08/01 UM Hospital

Plant Operations employee reported that a drill left on a work cart on the 2nd floor was missing. 08/02 employee reported that the drill was located, (Solved)

08/11 UM Hospital and Clinics

Security observed on video a male attempting to take welding (cooper) cable from a temporary generator in the receiving area. Security contacted the male who fled the area.

08/13 UM Hospital

A patient reported that a wallet left next to the bed in a 6th floor room was missing. The wallet contained debit cards, \$150.00 in cash and identification.

08/14 UM Hospital

A patient in an 11th floor discovered \$200.00 cash missing from his wallet.

08/16 UM Hospital Parking Garage

Employee leaving for the day discovered the passenger window broken out of their vehicle left parked on the 3rd level. An iPhone, iPod, check book and miscellaneous identification was missing.

08/17 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

An employee left a wallet unsecured in a cabinet near a computer desk in a 4th floor exam room. When the employee returned the wallet was gone. Wallet contained a driver license and credit cards.

08/18 Highland Parking Garage

JMH Security discovered the wheels missing from an Infinity parked on the 4th level. The owner of the vehicle was an UM employee.

08/20 Biomedical Research Building

Physical Plant employee parked a golf cart near the main entrance. Eight feet of cooper tubing was discovered missing from the cart.

08/20 Professional Arts Center

Security observed from across the street a male on a bicycle take a potted plant and flee east on 14th Street.

08/24 Fred Cowell Mall

Security monitoring video observed four males at the bike rack near the Biomedical Research Building. The males were attempting to cut the lock. When security approached the males fled. Two were later found and one was arrested after Miami Police responded. A third male was later located and escorted off the property.

08/24 Papanicolau Cancer Research Building

Researcher reported that an HP laptop computer attached to an instrument control unit was missing from a 1st floor lab. Item valued at \$300.00.

08/24 Sylvester Cancer Center Deerfield Beach

Employee reported that a makeup kit for patients was missing from a 1st floor office.

08/25 UM Hospital

Patient in a Penthouse floor room reported an ATM card was missing from their wallet left in the room.

08/29 UM Hospital Parking Garage

A visitor reported that their vehicle left parked on the 4th level was broken into. The passenger window was broken out and a gym bag containing credit cards, check book and \$50.00 cash was taken.

08/30 MRI Center

Employee reported that an iPod left unsecured on a desk was missing when the employee returned.

Assault

None

Burglary

None

Vehicle Incidents

08/02 15th Street Garage

A vehicle exiting struck the card reader pole then ran through the exit gate leaving the scene. The driver was identified and the incident referred to Human Resources.

08/03 UM Hospital and Clinics

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

08/07 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

A visitor reported finding minor damage to the front bumper of their car when returned by the valet. Security video showed the damage when the

vehicle arrived.

08/13 **ACC East**

A UM vehicle backed into another UM vehicle causing minor damage.

08/14 **Bascom Palmer Eye Institute Patient Parking Lot**

A patient's vehicle entering the lot was struck by the entry gate arm causing minor damage.

08/20 **Bascom Palmer Eye Institute**

A visitor reported finding a scratch on the left rear bumper of their vehicle when returned by the valet.

08/23 **National Parkinson Foundation**

A visitor reported that the entrance gate came down and struck the windshield of their vehicle causing minor damage.

08/23 **MRI Center**

A vehicle entering the parking lot struck a bicyclist riding in the lot. The bicyclist was transported to JMH emergency with minor injuries to his left leg.

08/24 **Diabetes Research Institute**

A visitor backing up on the east side of the building struck a parked vehicle causing minor damage.

08/26 **NW 15th Street and 12th Avenue**

Security observed a vehicle travelling south on 12th Avenue was struck by a vehicle travelling west on 15th Street. There was minor damage and no injuries.

08/28 **14th Street Garage**

A contractor's employee reported that their vehicle left parked on the 6th floor had damage to the passenger door.

08/29 **Bascom Palmer Eye Institute Patient Parking Lot**

Employee waiting to fuel a University vehicle backed up and struck a tree causing minor damage.

Trespassers

08/01 **Bascom Palmer Eye Institute**

Security discovered two males loitering around the fire hydrant on the northwest side of the building. They were attempting to open a valve to bathe. The individuals were escorted away from the building.

08/06 **Biomedical Research Building**

Security alerted to a suspicious male loitering around the building. The male was contacted and escorted off the property.

08/07 Dominion Towers

Security discovered a suspicious male at the south entrance. Miami Police responded and transported the male to the Homeless Assistance Center.

08/10 Fred Cowell Mall

Security observed a suspicious male pushing a shopping cart near the Calder Library. The male was contacted and escorted off the property.

08/13 UM Hospital and Clinics

Security observed a known trespasser enter the main lobby. The male was contacted and escorted out of the building.

08/23 Diabetes Research Institute

Employee reported a suspicious male in a 2nd floor office. The male was contacted and stated he was looking for Human Resources. The male was escorted out of the building.

08/24 15th Street Garage

Security observed a suspicious male on the northeast side of the building. Miami-Dade Police responded and took the individual into custody.

08/30 McKnight Vision Research Center

Security observed a known male trespasser enter the building by following an employee. 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 August, security officers provided 172 escorts with an average waiting time of 4:09 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.