

University of Miami

Medical Campus

Crime Summary Report

March 2006

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

Avoid Purse Snatching

When faced with any theft situation remember, your goal is to avoid being injured! There is nothing in your purse worth serious injury or death.

- Is it absolutely necessary to carry a purse at all times? A wallet or credit card in a pocket would be less tempting.
- Carry only the amount of cash or credit cards that you need.
- Eliminate spare keys from purse.
- Carry purse or shoulder bag in front of you and close to your body.
- Avoid having your purse shoulder straps around your neck or looped around your wrist.
- Keep your purse on your lap when dining or at meetings.
- In the supermarket, do not leave your purse in the shopping cart. Remember: out-of-sight, out-of-mind, "out-of-purse".
- Avoid displaying valuables such as jewelry or large sums of money.
- Zip or close purse securely to avoid purse pickpockets.
- Be aware of where you are and where you are going at all times. Do not go into a potentially dangerous area or situation.
- Report suspicious people or suspicious cars.
- Throughout Florida, citizens are facing "follow-home strong-arm robberies". As you drive home day or night, look for potential danger before entering your driveway. Walkways, doorways, and driveways should be well lit around your home.
- Do not enter your driveway if a suspicious vehicle has followed you. Go to the nearest safe location (a gas station or an area where there are people) and call the police.
- If you are confronted in your driveway, remain in your locked car with the windows up and blow your horn. The distance from your car to your front door is a "No Man's Land." When attacked, if you are going to be knocked down, sit down.

Thefts

03/03 Highland Professional Building

Employee reported the theft of a golf cart battery charger from the loading dock. Item valued at \$400.00.

03/08 Dominion Towers

Employee reported that someone removed his PDA and glasses from his unsecured office on the 3rd floor. Items valued at \$470.00.

03/06 Diabetes Research Institute

Employee left her purse in an unsecured 2nd floor office. A Sony walkman was discovered missing from her purse.

03/09 Park Plaza East Bookstore

Male entered the store and took \$280.00 worth of t-shirts then ran out the door.

03/22 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

Male entered a patient waiting area on the 2nd floor and took a flat screen computer monitor, placed it in a canvass bag and walked out of the building.

03/27 Professional Arts Center

Employee reported that a camera bag was taken from an unsecured 3rd floor conference room.

03/27 MRI Center

Employee reported the theft of a bicycle from the front of the building.

03/29 Dominion Garage

Employee lost her wallet on the 5th floor of the garage. Credit cards were used to make \$4,000.00 in unauthorized purchases.

03/30 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

Employee reported that that a YAG Laser Lens was missing from the case left in an unsecured 3rd floor clinic.

Assault

03/20 MRI Center

Employee reported that while she was walking on the sidewalk a male who was talking to himself hit her in the head with his hand when she passed. Security and Miami Police responded and the male was not located. The employee was not injured.

Burglary

03/11 Florida Glass

Unicco employee reported that someone broke into his truck parked in the north parking lot. Items valued at \$60.00 were taken.

Vehicle Incidents

03/06 Dominion Garage

Employee's vehicle struck by another vehicle that was backing up on the 6th level.

03/27 836 Lot

Student reported that the exit gate arm struck their vehicle causing minor damage.

Trespassers

03/03 Mailman Center

Security called about a male by the entrance steps. Male removed from the property by City of Miami police.

03/13 Mailman Center

Security called regarding a male trying to get off the elevator on the secured 9th floor. Security determined the male was lost and directed him to his destination.

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 243-6079 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 March, security officers provided 352 escorts with an average waiting time of 4:51 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.