

# **University of Miami**

## **Medical Campus**

### **Crime Summary Report**

#### **November 2006**

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

##### *Safety while Christmas shopping*

- *Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you.*
- *Park in a well lit area. Always park where there is plenty of light around your car and path to the mall entrance. Be sure to lock the car, close the windows, and store shopping bags and gifts in the trunk. Once your car is parked, familiarize yourself with its location so you can find it easily. Don't hesitate to ask for a security escort if you feel unsafe.*
- *Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card whenever possible*
- *Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Don't overburden yourself with packages. Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Wear a fanny pack instead of carrying a purse. Besides allowing your hands to be free to hold onto other items, you'll eliminate the possibility of leaving your purse behind or having it stolen. Only bring one or two credit cards and a limited amount of cash in the case it should get lost or stolen.*
- *Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.*
- *Buddy. Try to find someone to shop with. Having a buddy will help you avoid things like: forgetting where you parked, over loading yourself with packages to carry, and losing track of your shopping goals.*
- *Goals. Before you embark on your shopping journey set basic goals. For example: who you want to get presents for, the amount you want to spend, where you want to shop and how much time you are allowing to accomplish your goals.*
- *Timing. START EARLY!!! Procrastinating will only increase stress and take all the fun out of shopping. Plan your shopping adventure at a time when there will be the least amount of people. Crowds make shopping confusing and add to frustration.*
- *Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.*

# Thefts

**11/01 Diabetes Research Institute**

Physician reported that her wallet was taken from her purse in a 4<sup>th</sup> floor computer lab. Wallet contained cash and credit cards.

**11/07 836 Parking Lot**

Contractor parked his work van on the street next to the lot. The contractor proceeded to use a leaf blower to clean the sidewalk. When he returned to the van it was gone.

**11/14 UM Hospital and Clinics**

Employee reported that her rolling book bag was taken from a 1<sup>st</sup> floor office. Bag contained a driver license, ATM card, keys and \$20 cash.

**11/14 UM Hospital and Clinics**

Employee reported that an EKG machine was missing from a 1<sup>st</sup> floor department. On 11/21 Security located the machine. (Solved)

**11/15 Wellness Center**

Employee reported that a red hand truck was taken from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Security investigation revealed who removed the item and it was returned. (Solved)

**11/20 Dominion Towers**

Employee renovating 1<sup>st</sup> floor offices reported that he left for twenty minutes and discovered a nail gun, cordless drill and his jacket were missing when he returned. Items valued at \$880.00.

**11/20 Jackson Medical Towers**

Employee reported that a computer printer and monitor were missing from a 10<sup>th</sup> floor office. Items valued at \$500.00.

**11/21 Park Plaza East**

Bascom Palmer patient reported that a male approached her near the McDonald's and demanded her watch, ring, cell phone and cash. Miami Police responded and interviewed the patient.

**11/22 UM Hospital and Clinics**

Patient reported items missing from his vehicle when returned by the valet. Items valued at approximately \$50.00.

**11/28 Rosenstiel Medical Science Building**

Research material was missing from a 5<sup>th</sup> floor lab. Perpetrator identified and arrested by Miami Police. (Solved)

**11/30 UM Hospital and Clinics**

Physician reported that a testing machine was missing from a 1<sup>st</sup> floor clinic. Item valued at \$15,000.00

# Assault

None

# Burglary

## 11/07 Sickle-Cell Center

Employee reported that someone broke out the rear driver's side window and removed a backpack and agenda. Items valued at \$300.00.

## 11/14 Dominion Towers

Employee reported that someone forced open a hallway door to a 7<sup>th</sup> floor office. A laptop computer valued at \$750.00 was missing.

# Vehicle Incidents

## 11/15 14th Street Garage

Visitor struck the shuttle bus causing minor damage.

## 11/15 MR Center

Visitor struck an employee's vehicle causing minor damage.

## 11/17 NW 14<sup>th</sup> Street

UM golf cart struck by a vehicle as it attempted to enter the Clinical Research Institute building causing minor damage and no injuries.

## 11/21 Bascom Palmer Employee Lot

Employee struck another vehicle parked in the lot.

# Trespassers

## 11/17 National Parkinson Foundation

Security observed an intoxicated male in the east parking lot. Male was escorted off the property.

## 11/20 UM Hospital and Clinics

Security observed a known male trespasser enter the 1<sup>st</sup> floor lobby. Male escorted off the property.

## 11/28 Debbie School

A known male trespasser was reported to be in the parking lot. Security responded and male was arrested by Miami Police.

## 11/30 Batchelor Children's Research Institute

Security observed a male loitering around the fountain at the front entrance. Male escorted off the property.

# 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 November, security officers provided 289 escorts with an average waiting time of 4:18 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.