

University of Miami Medical Campus Crime Summary Report June 2007

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

Vehicle lockouts on the increase as anti-theft devices proliferate

Most of the newer car models sold today have high-tech locking systems that serve to protect the owner from theft but make it more difficult to gain entry if you lose your key. Some vehicles will automatically lock after just a few seconds, even while the key is still in the ignition. This can create a frightening and potentially life-threatening situation.

To help reduce the number of motorists stranded due to a vehicle lockout we suggest the following practices:

- Always making sure you have your keys in hand when exiting the vehicle, closing the trunk or when locking the car using manual or automatic door locks.
- Keeping a plastic, credit card-type key or spare key in your wallet, purse or briefcase.
- Never place your keys on the front seat, in the glove compartment, in the trunk or anywhere else in the vehicle.
- Placing your keys in your shirt or pants pocket instead of jacket.
- Never leave your vehicle running and unattended, even during short periods of time.
- Keep the identification code number of the key written down on a piece of paper in your wallet. It will be easier to have a copy of the key made by a locksmith.
- Keep a spare set of car keys at work or at a place you visit frequently. Never leaving children or pets unattended in the vehicle with access to keys.
- Take the key out of the ignition prior to fueling your gas tank.

Thefts

06/12 Diabetes Research Institute

Contractor reported that a string grass trimmer was missing from a 1st floor storage area. Item valued at \$400.00.

06/14 Elliott Building

Employee reported a USB adapter was missing from her computer in a 1st floor office. Item valued at \$35.00.

06/15 Dominion Parking Garage

Employee reported that her vehicle was missing from the 4th level. Reported to Miami Police Department.

06/19 Calder Library

Researcher reported that his \$500.00 Columbia bicycle was taken from the bike rack in front of the building.

06/26 Mailman Center

Employee reported \$280.00 in cash missing from an unsecured desk in a 4th floor office. A gift valued at \$50.00 was also reported missing from an employee's desk.

06/29 Biomedical Research Institute (construction site)

Moss Construction superintendent reported that electrical cords, welding leads and copper pipes were taken over the preceding week. Items valued at \$3,000.00.

06/30 Biomedical Research Institute (construction site)

A male was discovered by Miami-Dade Police and Jackson Security pulling a dolly with copper tubing. It was determined the items came from the construction site and the male was arrested by Miami Police.

Assault

06/12 Batchelor Children's Research Institute

Employee reported that a contractor asked her to step out of her 2nd floor office and attempted to kiss her. The contractor admitted to the allegations and was immediately removed from our site.

06/29 UM Hospital and Clinics

A terminally ill patient struck his wife on the arm with a telephone causing minor injuries.

Burglary

None

Vehicle Incidents

06/07 836 Parking Lot

Physician reported that the right rear window of his vehicle was broken out. Nothing was taken.

06/07 836 Parking Lot

Contractor reported that his van was opened and ransacked. The spare tire, tools and other miscellaneous items were missing. There was no

sign of forced entry.

06/12 **Bascom Palmer Eye Institute**

Patient struck another vehicle parked on the entrance ramp causing only minor damage.

06/19 **Sylvester Cancer Center**

Visitor struck a palm tree while entering the valet parking area causing minor damage and no injuries.

06/28 **14th Street Garage**

Employee reported scratches on her vehicle after parking in the garage. Video revealed that the damage was on the vehicle when the employee arrived. (Solved)

Trespassers

06/06 **Bascom Palmer Eye Institute**

Security observed an unauthorized male enter through the rear entrance. He was escorted off the property.

06/11 **Bascom Palmer Eye Institute**

Security observed a male in the food court attempting to remove chairs. He was escorted off the property.

06/11 **Debbie School**

Security discovered a male sleeping in the exterior stairwell on the 11th Court side of the building. The male was escorted off the property.

06/12 **Elliott Building**

Security called to the building regarding an unauthorized male on the property. He was escorted away by Security.

06/13 **Fox Cancer Research Building**

Security observed a male sleeping on the south side of the building. He was escorted off the property.

06/13 **Medical Training and Simulation Laboratory**

Security called to the building regarding an unauthorized male who was leaving the area when Security arrived.

06/18 **Sylvester Cancer Center**

Security discovered two males sleeping under an outside stairwell. They were escorted off the property.

06/19 **Elliott Building**

Security called regarding a suspicious male hanging around the building. The male was contacted and escorted off the property.

06/19 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

On 6/18 a male was reported for stealing complimentary food for patients from the 6th floor. He was not located but returned on the 19th and Security escorted him out of the building and issues a trespass warning.

06/20 UM Hospital and Clinics

Security observed a known trespasser enter the Au Bon Pain restaurant. The male was escorted out of the building.

06/21 Diabetes Research Institute

Security observed and unauthorized male leaving the 836 Parking Lot and walking to the DRI building. He was escorted off the property.

06/22 Diabetes Research Institute

Security observed a male loitering around the outside of the building. He was escorted off the property.

06/23 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

Security observed a male loitering around the ATM machine. He was escorted out of the building.

06/28 Sickle Cell Center

Security called regarding a male sleeping near the front entrance. Male was escorted away from the building.

06/28 Linda Ray Center

Employee activated a security alarm because a suspicious female was attempting to gain entry to the building. Security responded and determined the female was looking for a homeless shelter. She was given direction and she left the area.

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 June, security officers provided 296 escorts with an average waiting time of 4:04 minutes.

General Information

FREE SECURITY SURVEYS or CRIME PREVENTION SEMINARS

Security.med.miami.edu

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.