

# University of Miami Medical Campus Crime Summary Report November 2007

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

Over the past month we have received several reports of vehicle burglaries where portable Global Positioning Systems (GPS) units were taken. These portable units can retail for up to \$1,000. Miami-Dade Police advised of numerous similar thefts in the JMH parking garages.

Owners leave the suction-cup mounts of these devices attached to the windshield if they detach the unit; this is a dead give away that leads to a break so the thief can look for the device in the vehicle.

Even if you remove the suction cup, it can still leave a telltale circle on the windshield. There is a simple remedy: The devices are portable, so the units and their holders should be stored out of sight and the suction cup marks should be wiped off. The best place to store the device is in the trunk.

Consumer GPS devices cannot be tracked from a central point. Even though they are constantly in communication with an array of satellites, they are only receivers. Government and official models are sometimes recoverable, but the best thing is to hide the device well or bring it with you when you leave your vehicle.

## **Update**

11/27 A terminated employee was arrested on 07/06/06 for attempting to extort three million dollars from the University. He was convicted after a jury trial, fined and placed on five years probation.

## **Thefts**

### 11/02 Batchelor Research Institute

Employee reported a DVD player taken from a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor office. Item valued at \$50.00.

### 11/02 UM Hospital and Clinics

Patient reported a \$300 pink Motorola Razor cell phone taken from a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor room.

### 11/05 UM Hospital and Clinics

Employee reported \$300.00 in cash taken from her purse in a 1<sup>st</sup> floor office.

**11/05 Miami Lakes Warehouse**

Contractor reported that a rental generator on a trailer was taken by an unknown person driving a pick up truck. The trailer and generator were recovered by Miami-Dade Police at a near by parking lot and returned to the warehouse.

**11/06 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute**

Employee reported that three bottles of eye drops were taken from three rooms on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

**11/13 Clinical Research Institute**

Contractor reported that he left a cordless drill valued at \$350.00 in an 11<sup>th</sup> floor file room while he was at lunch. The drill was gone when he returned. The building operations manager reported on 11/14 that the drill was turned in to him. (Solved)

**11/13 UM Hospital and Clinics**

Employee reported two crash carts broken into on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and three bags of saline were taken. Items valued at \$440.00

**11/13 Clinical Research Institute**

Employee reported that someone took her scarf from the desk chair in a 10<sup>th</sup> floor office. Item valued at \$12.00. Security investigation found that the employee left the building with the item and it had been lost by the reporter. (Solved)

**11/14 Diabetes Research Institute**

Employee reported that a toaster oven was missing from a 1<sup>st</sup> floor staff lounge. Security Investigator was able to locate and return the item. (Solved)

**11/14 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute**

Employee reported that someone took the wallet out of her purse in an unsecured 2<sup>nd</sup> floor work station. Wallet contained a driver license, credit cards and other identification.

**11/20 Diabetes Research Institute**

Employee reported that someone took her lunch in a plastic container three times from a 1<sup>st</sup> floor employee lounge.

**11/21 Mailman Center**

Employee reported four baby monitors missing from a 7<sup>th</sup> floor clinic and a TV/VCR was missing from a 5<sup>th</sup> floor room.

**11/23 Rosenstiel Medical Science Building**

Contractor parked his pick up truck on the northwest corner of the building while replacing an AC unit. The old unit was placed in the bed of the truck and when the contractor returned the unit was gone. Item valued at \$200.00.

11/26 14<sup>th</sup> Street Garage

Visitor reported that his pick up truck was taken from the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. Miami Police responded and are investigating.

11/27 Clinical Research Institute

Employee reported that an Optiplex desktop computer was discovered missing on 11/07 from a 10<sup>th</sup> floor office. Item valued at \$1,000.00.

11/30 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

Physician reported that his Panasonic digital camera was taken from next to a 6<sup>th</sup> floor scrub sink. Item valued at \$250.00.

11/30 Miami Lakes Warehouse

Surplus manager reported that scrap metal from an outside container was taken during the night. The scrap was valued at \$300.00.

## Assault

None

## Burglary

11/09 Dominion Parking Garage

Employee reported that the rear passenger window had been broken out and his vehicle was ransacked. \$17.00 cash was removed from the console along with a flashlight and amber strobe light.

11/09 Highland Parking Garage

Student reported that his vehicle had been broken into. The radio was removed along with an iPod and digital camera.

11/26 14<sup>th</sup> Street Garage

Visitor reported that someone broke into his pick up truck and removed a GPS device.

11/27 Dominion Parking Garage

Employee reported that someone broke out the right rear passenger window of her vehicle parked on the 4<sup>th</sup> level. A portable GPS and clothes valued at \$500.00 was taken.

## Vehicle Incidents

11/07 14<sup>th</sup> Street Garage

A visitor was leaving the garage and the exit gate came down causing minor to the rear of her vehicle.

11/26 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute Patient Parking Lot

A vehicle traveling southbound on Northwest 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, lost control and struck the fence. The driver was transported to the JMH ER.

**11/26 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute**

Delivery truck struck the loading dock gate. The gate fell and struck a UM van parked at the dock.

## **Trespassers**

**11/02 Elliott Building**

Security observed a known male trespasser carrying aluminum frames. He dropped them when he observed the security officer. Jackson security identified the frames as JMH property. Miami Police responded and arrested the male.

**11/04 UM Hospital and Clinics**

Security discovered a male sleeping on the west side of the building. The male was escorted off the property.

**11/06 Clinical Research Institute**

Security observed male soliciting for money in front of the building. The male was escorted away from the property.

**11/10 MRI Center**

Security called regarding a suspicious male in front of the building. The male was contacted and left the area.

**11/13 Sieron Building**

Security called regarding a suspicious male on the east side of the building. Male was located sleeping and was escorted away from the building.

**11/16 UM Hospital and Clinics**

Security discovered a male sleeping by the west side stairwell. The male was escorted off the property.

**11/20 Sylvester Cancer Center**

Security discovered a male sleeping on the west side of the building. The male was escorted off the property.

**11/27 14<sup>th</sup> Street Garage**

Security discovered a male, placing pamphlets on vehicles. The male was escorted off the property.

**11/28 Northwest 14<sup>th</sup> Street and 11<sup>th</sup> Court**

Security advised of a suspicious male. He was contacted and escorted off the property.

**11/29 Park Plaza West**

Security observed a suspicious male loitering in the area. Observation was maintained until the male 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 November, security officers provided 483 escorts with an average waiting time of 5:10 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.