

# **University of Miami Medical Campus Crime Summary Report February 2008**

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

### ***FBI Identifies Recurring Fraudulent E-mail Scam***

The FBI has recently developed information indicating cyber criminals are attempting to once again send fraudulent e-mails to unsuspecting recipients stating that someone has filed a complaint against them or their company with the Department of Justice or another organization such as the Internal Revenue Service, Social Security Administration, or the Better Business Bureau.

The e-mails are intended to appear as legitimate messages from the above departments, and they address the recipients by name, and other personal information may be contained within the e-mail. Consistent with previous efforts, the scam will likely be an effort to secure Personally Identifiable Information. The nature of these types of scams is to create a sense of urgency for the recipient to provide a response through clicking on a hyperlink, opening an attachment, or initiating a telephone call.

It is believed this e-mail refers to a complaint that is in the form of an attachment, which actually contains virus software designed to steal passwords from the recipient. The virus is wrapped in a screensaver file wherein most anti-virus programs are unable to detect its malicious intent. Once downloaded, the virus is designed to monitor username and password logins, and record the activity, as well as other password-type information, entered on the compromised machine.

- Be wary of any e-mail received from an unknown sender.
- Do not open any unsolicited e-mail and do not click on any links provided.

## **Thefts**

### **02/05 Medical Bookstore**

Store employee reported that a male entered the store and took a CD player. Item valued at \$20.00.

### **02/06 Jackson Medical Towers Parking Garage**

Employee reported that someone broke into her car parked on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor. The radio, portable jump starter, Louis Vuitton scarf, school books and UM ID were removed from the vehicle. Items valued at \$1,095.00.

### **02/07 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute**

Witnesses reported that a male took a Sony Viao laptop computer from an unsecured work station in a 1<sup>st</sup> floor department. Item valued at \$800.00.

**02/07 Rosenstiel Medical Science Building**

Physical Plant employee reported that he left his tool cart next to the 9<sup>th</sup> floor service elevator for over a month, when he returned it was gone.

**02/08 Jackson Medical Towers Parking Garage**

Employee reported that someone cut the catalytic converter out from under her car parked on the 4<sup>th</sup> level. Item valued at \$400.00.

**02/08 Kendall Medical Center**

Employee reported that 12 bottles of hand sanitizer and soap were taken from a 1<sup>st</sup> floor clinic.

**02/08 Highland Professional Building**

Employee in a 1<sup>st</sup> floor office reported that her new Blackberry Pearl cell phone was taken from her work station while she was in the restroom. Item valued at \$200.00.

**02/11 UM Hospital and Clinics**

Employee reported that a Dell laptop computer cable locked to a podium in a 1<sup>st</sup> floor department was taken.

**02/11 Batchelor Children's Research Institute**

Employee reported that her office telephone was taken from a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor unsecured office.

**02/13 Dominion Parking Garage**

Employee reported that he returned to his car parked on the 4<sup>th</sup> level and discovered the passenger side window broken out and a Garmin GPS unit was taken. Item valued at \$600.00.

**02/18 Fred Cowell Mall**

Medical student reported that he left his bicycle locked in the rack while he went into the Calder Library. When he returned the bicycle was gone.

**02/21 Highland Professional Building**

Employee reported that he left his wallet on his desk and it was taken approximately a week ago. He found the wallet under his desk with all items intact except for \$180.00 cash.

**02/22 UM Hospital and Clinics**

Employee of a contractor reported that her car was missing from the parking lot. Security investigator determined the vehicle was repossessed. (Solved)

**02/22 National Parkinson Foundation**

Employee reported that someone removed \$40.00 in cash from his wallet left in a tote bag on his desk.

**02/27 Kendall Medical Center**

Employee reported that a student desk was missing from a 1<sup>st</sup> floor exam room. Item valued at \$100.00.

**02/27 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute**

Employee reported that her purse was taken from a locked 5<sup>th</sup> floor office. The purse contained credit cards, identification and \$40.00 cash.

**02/29 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute**

Employee reported that an electric pencil sharpener and two tape dispensers were missing from her desk in an unsecured ground floor suite.

**02/29 Moss Construction site trailer**

Construction employee reported that his wallet, car keys and site keys were taken from the trailer.

## **Assault**

None

## **Burglary**

None

## **Vehicle Incidents**

**02/01 Vicana Building**

Delivery vehicle struck a light pole while backing up. No injuries.

**02/08 14<sup>th</sup> Street Garage**

Visitor struck the walkway railing next to the front exit.

**02/12 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute Lot 17**

Visitor reported that someone struck his car while it was parked in the lot.

**02/19 14<sup>th</sup> Street Garage**

Employee reported that while he was attempting to park on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor when he accidentally struck a parked vehicle belonging to another employee.

## **Trespassers**

**02/05 Diabetes Research Institute**

Female entered the lobby and was asking for money. Security escorted the individual out of the building.

**02/06 Parking Garage/Chiller Plant construction site**

Security observed two males pushing shopping carts on NW 15<sup>th</sup> Street near the construction site. The carts contained scrap copper tubing. Miami Police could not determine the origin of the items and the males were allowed to leave the area.

**02/09 Northwest 14<sup>th</sup> Street**

Security notified that a male was harassing students in the area of the 1100 block. Security contacted the male and he left the area without incident.

**02/19 Fred Cowell Mall**

Security observed a suspicious male loitering behind a bench. Male advised that he just left JMH Crisis Unit. The male was escorted off the property.

**02/20 Sylvester Cancer Center**

Security discovered a male lying in the landscaped area next to the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue bus stop. The male left the area.

**02/25 Dominion Garage**

Security called regarding a male and female soliciting money in front of the north side restaurants. The individuals were escorted out of 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 February, security officers provided 489 escorts with an average waiting time of 4:30 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.