

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

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

### **PHISHING RELATED TO ISSUANCE OF ECONOMIC STIMULUS CHECKS**

The FBI warns consumers of recently reported spam e-mail purportedly from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) which is actually an attempt to steal consumer information. The e-mail advises the recipient that direct deposit is the fastest and easiest way to receive their economic stimulus tax rebate. The message contains a hyperlink to a fraudulent form which requests the recipient's personally identifiable information, including bank account information. To convince consumers to reply, the e-mail warns that a failure to complete the form in a timely manner will delay the issuance of the rebate check.

One example of this IRS spam e-mail message is as follows:

*"Over 130 million Americans will receive refunds as part of President Bush's program to jumpstart the economy.*

*Our records indicate that you are qualified to receive the 2008 Economic Stimulus Refund.*

*The fastest and easiest way to receive your refund is by direct deposit to your checking/savings account.*

*Please follow the link and fill out the form and submit before May 10th, 2008 to ensure that your refund will be processed as soon as possible.*

*Submitting your form on May 10th, 2008 or later means that your refund will be delayed due to the volume of requests we anticipate for the Economic Stimulus Refund.*

*To access Economic Stimulus refund, please click here."*

Consumers are advised that the IRS does not initiate taxpayer communications via e-mail. In addition, the IRS does not request detailed personal information via e-mail or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

Please be cautious of unsolicited e-mails. It is recommended not to open e-mails from unknown senders because they often contain viruses or other malicious software. It is also recommended to avoid clicking links in e-mails received from unknown senders as this is a popular method of directing victims to phishing websites.

If you have received an e-mail similar to this, please notify the IC3 by filing a complaint at [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov).

# Thefts

## 05/06 Elliott Building

Employee reported that items belonging to a catering company were taken from a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor hallway.

## 05/07 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

Employee reported that a mouse pad was taken from a ground floor exam room.

## 05/08 Kendall Medical Center

Employee reported that eight boxes of medium exam gloves were missing from a 1<sup>st</sup> floor room.

## 05/13 Rosenstiel Medical Science Building

Researcher reported that a pipette was missing from an 8<sup>th</sup> floor lab. Item valued at \$250.00.

## 05/18 Dominion Towers

Employee reported that an 8<sup>th</sup> floor office door was forced open and an IBM laptop computer was taken. The item was valued at \$2,000.00.

## 05/19 Magnetic Resonance Imaging

A patient reported that while she was in the waiting area \$400 in cash that was in an envelope was taken out of her purse.

## 05/20 Mailman Center

Physician reported that he left his black leather physician's bag in a 1<sup>st</sup> floor exam room and the next day it could not be located.

## 05/24 Dominion Parking Garage

Employee reported that his vehicle was taken from the 3<sup>rd</sup> level. The vehicle was recovered by Miami-Dade Police.

## 05/30 UM Hospital and Clinics

Employee from a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor lab placed her bag in an unsecured locker. She discovered \$600.00 cash missing from the bag at the end of her shift.

# Assault

None

# Burglary

## 05/16 Dominion Parking Garage

Miami-Dade employee reported that his vehicle was broken into and the radio was removed while parked on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level. Item valued at \$500.00.

**05/17 Dominion Parking Garage**

A visitor reported that their vehicle was broken into while parked on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level and the radio was removed.

**05/23 Jackson Medical Towers Parking Garage**

Employee reported that her vehicle was broken into while parked on the 4<sup>th</sup> level. An iPod and base were missing along with other items value at \$300.00.

**05/30 Dominion Parking Garage**

Employee reported that someone broke into his car parked on the 4<sup>th</sup> level. A Sirius satellite radio attached to the wind shield with suction cups was taken. Item valued at \$40.00.

## **Vehicle Incidents**

**05/05 Park Plaza East**

Medical student reported that someone attempted to gain entry to his vehicle parked on the 6<sup>th</sup> level. No items were taken.

**05/06 Dominion Parking Garage**

Employee reported that his truck was taken from the 4<sup>th</sup> level. Miami Police are investigating.

**05/09 14<sup>th</sup> Street Garage**

Visitor struck the handrail next to the cashier's booth after mistakenly entering the exit lane.

**05/19 14<sup>th</sup> Street Garage**

Employee struck another vehicle as he was leaving the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the garage. Minor damage and no injuries.

**05/30 14<sup>th</sup> Street Garage**

Visitor struck an employee's vehicle while exiting the garage. Minor damage and no injuries.

**05/28 National Parkinson Foundation**

Employee reported that he parked his vehicle on the Northwest 15<sup>th</sup> Street side of the building. When he returned the vehicle was gone.

## **Trespassers**

**05/01 Mailman Center**

Security observed an unauthorized male outside of the front door. The male was advised to leave the area.

**05/02 Florida Glass Building**

Security discovered a male in the abandoned building. The male was escorted off the property.

**05/03 UM Hospital and Clinics**

Security called regarding a male by an outside door. The male advised he was looking for help with alcoholism. The male was directed proper facility.

**05/08 National Parkinson Foundation**

Security called regarding a male sleeping near the south side of the building. The male was escorted away from the building.

**05/13 Fred Cowell Mall**

It was reported to Security that a male was soliciting money in front of the Calder Library. The male fled when the security officer arrived.

**05/14 Schoninger Research Quadrangle**

Security called regarding a male soliciting for money. The male was escorted off the property.

**05/14 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute**

Security observed a suspicious male enter the building. When confronted he became belligerent and was asked to leave the building.

**05/15 Elliott Building**

Security called regarding a male loitering on the northeast corner of the building. The male was escorted away from the building.

**05/15 Schoninger Research Quadrangle**

Security observed a male soliciting for money. The male was escorted off the property.

**05/20 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute**

Security discovered an unauthorized male in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor library. The male left the building.

**05/22 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute**

Security discovered a trespasser bathing in a 1<sup>st</sup> floor restroom. The male was escorted out of the building.

**05/27 Sylvester Cancer Center**

Security discovered a male removing scrap metal from a dumpster near the ambulance door. The male was escorted away from 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 May, security officers provided 375 escorts with an average waiting time of 4:29 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.