

# University of Miami Medical Campus Crime Summary Report October 2008

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

### **Dealing with Aggressive Drivers**

**If you've ever been passed on the wrong side, tailgated, cut off or hemmed in by another vehicle, then you've been the victim of an aggressive driver. Aggressive driving often ends in collisions and senseless personal attacks.**

- **Be a cautious and courteous driver. Avoid creating a situation that may provoke another motorist.**
- **Don't tailgate.**
- **If you are in the left lane and someone wants to pass, move over and let the driver by.**
- **Don't make inappropriate hand or facial gestures.**
- **Use your horn sparingly. The horn is a communication device. Try not to use it to "punish" an aggressive driver because you only draw their attention to you.**
- **If you do encounter an angry aggressive driver, don't make matters worse by triggering a confrontation. Avoid eye contact and steer clear, giving angry drivers plenty of room.**
- **It is a good idea to put as much distance between you and the aggressive driver as possible.**

## **Thefts**

### **10/01 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute**

Employee reported that a phoropter was missing from a 1<sup>st</sup> floor exam room. Item valued at \$5,600.00.

### **10/02 Hope Lodge Parking Lot**

Unicco employee reported that a leaf blower was missing from an unsecured equipment trailer.

**10/05 Dominion Parking Garage**

Security responded to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor to assist a driver with a jump start. It was discovered that the catalytic converter had been cut off and removed from the vehicle.

**10/06 Park Plaza East**

Employee reported that the catalytic converter was cut off of his vehicle while it was parked on the 7<sup>th</sup> level of the garage.

**10/10 Sylvester Cancer Center**

Visitor reported that a Blackberry cell phone and a Sony laptop computer were missing from her car when it was returned by the valet.

**10/14 McKnight Vision Research Center**

Physical Plant reported that a small acetylene tank was missing from an 8<sup>th</sup> floor stairwell. Investigation revealed that the tank was not taken. (Solved)

**10/15 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute**

Security stopped a male attempting to leave the building with a red biohazard bag. The male placed the bag on a lobby sofa and fled. The bag contained a computer keyboard and other items taken from a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor exam room.

**10/20 Biomedical Research Institute construction site**

Construction employee reported that several cables were cut and removed from a portable chiller trailer on the north side of the building.

**10/23 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute Plantation**

Employee reported that she left her cell phone in her office when she left for the day. She remembered it, returned to retrieve it and found it missing.

**10/27 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute**

Employee placed his carrying bag on a chair in the Retter Café while he went for food. When he returned the bag was gone. Bag contained work and personal items valued at \$50.00.

## **Assault**

**10/17 Rosenstiel Medical Science Building**

Unicco employee was approached by a male soliciting for money on the east end of the building. When the female employee refused to give him any change the male poked her in the abdomen with his index finger. Miami Police responded and the male was arrested.

# Burglary

None

# Vehicle Incidents

10/04 Sewell Building

A contractor's dump truck backed into another of their trucks on the west side of the building

10/14 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute Patient Lot

Patient reported that when she returned to her vehicle she discovered minor damage to the right rear bumper.

10/14 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute Valet Lot

Patient reported a cracked windshield when their vehicle was returned by the Valet.

10/16 UM Hospital and Clinics

A UM vehicle backed into an employee's vehicle on the south side of the Valet parking ramp.

10/20 Calder Library

A visitor's vehicle illegally parked was struck by a delivery truck.

10/20 Diabetes Research Institute

Security observed a traffic accident between a parcel delivery service and a construction truck on the east side of the building.

10/29 UM Hospital and Clinics

UM transport van struck a visitor's vehicle parked on the north side of the parking lot.

# Trespassers

10/01 Dominion Parking Garage

Security observed a suspicious male in front of a ground floor restaurant. The male was asked to leave the area.

10/02 Sylvester Cancer Center

Security observed three males enter the building and proceed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Males had been observed by staff taking food items provided for patients. The males were contacted and escorted out of the building.

10/03 Ambulatory Care Center West

Security received a report of a male soliciting for money on the west side of the building. The male was escorted away from the area.

**10/06 Batchelor Research Institute**

Security observed an unauthorized male enter the building and enter the rest room. The male was escorted out of the building.

**10/10 Sylvester Cancer Center**

Security observed a male soliciting for money in the lobby and he was escorted out of the building.

**10/11 Sylvester Cancer Center**

A male approached a security officer at the front entrance and stated that he was going to break into the building. When the officer advised he was calling the police the male said it was a joke and left the area.

**10/14 Clinical Research Building**

Security observed a suspicious male in front of the building. The male who appeared to be passing by was observed until he left the area.

**10/14 Magnetic Resonance Imaging**

Security called regarding two suspicious males in the lobby and they were escorted out of the building.

**10/16 Linda Ray Center**

Employee heard someone knocking on the back door. Security responded and was not able to locate anyone.

**10/21 Professional Arts Center**

Security observed a known repeat trespasser attempting to enter the building claiming he had an appointment. He was denied entry and left the area.

**10/21 Debbie School**

Security observed two suspicious males on the east side lawn and they were advised to leave the area.

**10/26 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute**

Known trespasser and thief from 10/15 returned seeking medical treatment. He was monitored in the Emergency Room until treatment was completed.

**10/29 Schoninger Research Quadrangle**

Security observed a suspicious male in the area. The male was 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 October, security officers provided 504 escorts with an average waiting time of 4:25 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.