Recent Animal Rights Related Activities at UCLA and UC Davis

During National Primate Liberation Week, October 11 – October 19, 2008, a number of protests were held at different UC schools. At UCLA and UC Davis, there were additional threats related to this protest.

On Friday, October 17, 2008, a professor of UC Davis received an anonymous email containing threats against him. The email’s subject line asked for confirmation of the professor’s home address, and listed several addresses.

On Monday, October 20, 2008, a communiqué was released claiming that the latest sabotage from animal liberationists involved the placement of shotgun shells in the mufflers of a dozen UCLA commuter vans. The placement of live shotgun shells into the vehicles’ tailpipes presumably causes their mufflers to explode once certain temperatures are reached. This recent act of violence is demonstrated as part of the liberationists’ continuing campaign against the research on non-human primates. Thus far, there is no evidence to support this claim.

UCLA and UC Davis are currently collaborating with other UC Police Departments regarding these recent animal-rights related incidents. Please forward any information regarding suspicious persons or activities to the UCSF Investigations Unit at 476-5174.

Preventative Measures:
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times. Contact the Police Department regarding any suspicious persons or activities near your residence or workplace.
- Never open your residential or office door without knowing who is on the other side.
- If someone comes to your home or office stating that he/she is a police officer, utility company worker, etc., ask to see identification. If you are unsure, call the agency that they represent and verify their identity.
- While on campus, report all suspicious persons immediately to the UCSF Police at 9-911.
- Ensure all animal care areas are locked down.
- Do not touch any suspicious packages and report them immediately to the UCSF Police at 9-911, while on campus or your local law enforcement agency, if at home.
- Immediately report all suspicious inquiries about animal research or inquiries about locations of research facilities to the UCSF Police at 9-911.
- Immediately report suspicious people loitering around animal care facilities and/or taking photographs of the area, to the UCSF Police at 9-911.
- For physical security assessments on your home or office, please contact Mike Sorenson at 476-5683.

Help fight crime by reporting suspicious activity to UCSF PD immediately. For emergency or in-progress events, dial 9-911 when using on-campus land lines and (415) 476-6911 when using cell phones. For non-emergency calls, please dial (415) 476-1414.

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