Auto Burglaries near Mission Bay Campus

During the month of October and the first two weeks of November 2008, there were a total of 13 auto burglaries reported to the UCSF Police Department and San Francisco Police Department for Mission Bay Campus and areas within a ¼ mile of the campus. In most instances, the burglaries occurred during the weekdays between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. In the majority of the incidents, items stolen were left in plain view, in locked vehicles. The suspect(s) gained entry by smashing the vehicle windows. As of today, there have been no arrests and no suspect information.

Within the past month, the number of auto burglaries reported to both UCSF PD and SFPD for locations at or within a ¼ mile of Mission Bay Campus has doubled as compared to months prior to October 2008. The UCSF Police Department is taking appropriate measures to closely monitor the current trend in auto burglaries at the Mission Bay Campus and develop leads on the suspect(s).

Auto Burglary Prevention Tips:
Here are some tips to help reduce the chances of auto burglary on your vehicle:

- When you park, look for a spot that offers good lighting and is close to a location where there are a lot of people or traffic.
- Do not leave ANY personal or valuable items inside a vehicle. Removable stereo systems and GPS mapping devices (dash or windshield mounted) should never be left in a vehicle.
- Coins should not be placed in sight in the vehicle.
- If you must leave items inside a vehicle, place it out of sight.
- Lock all valuables inside the trunk before arriving at your destination.
- Doors should be locked and windows up.
- If you have an alarm system, use it. Alarm systems can serve as an additional deterrence.
- Call the police if you see someone tampering with a vehicle. Immediately report break-ins and thefts to the UCSF Police Department.

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.

Together for a Safe and Crime Free Campus

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