



## Public Safety Advisory:

**Bike Thefts, VanReken Hall, September 21, 2017**

**Incident Information:** The Campus Safety Department is investigating the theft of two bikes from the VanReken bike rack since the beginning of the school year. Both bikes had been locked to the bike rack using cable lock systems but the cable locks were cut. Students most recently observed a subject steal a bicycle and took a photo of them.

**Suspect Information:** black male, 18-21 yrs., short hair, wearing a black sweatshirt, jeans, black shoes, and white earbuds. The subject was wearing a black backpack. In the most recent case, the subject used some type of a cutting tool to break the lock.

### Recommendations:

- Always lock your bicycle, securing the lock through the frame as well as the wheels. Do not merely lock your bicycle to itself, but to something solid. Also, make sure that your lock is adequate for the task. It is recommended that you use a "Ulock" system. Cable lock systems can be easily cut and are not strong enough to deter theft.
- Register your bicycle with Campus Safety. All bikes parked on campus must be registered and must display a bike registration sticker. By registering your bicycle, Campus Safety and the Police will be able to determine you are the owner if your bike is stolen and recovered.
- Record the make, model and serial number of your bicycle. If your bicycle is stolen, report the theft to the Campus Safety Department and the Police, giving them all the information for your bike. If the bicycle is recovered, it can then be returned to you.

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If you see any suspicious activity, please contact Campus Safety at 526-6452 immediately. If you wish to report suspicious activity and want to remain anonymous, you can contact **Silent Observer** at 774-2345 or by e-mail at <http://www.silentobserver.org/> or by texting to **CRIMES (274637)** include keyword **Tip138** in the message.