

Crime Alert Notice for September 11, 2018

Campus Community,

This notice is to alert the campus that over the past 2 weeks University Police have investigated 3 reported bicycle larcenies. The larcenies occurred at the bicycle racks in front of Mills at University Heights, the rear of Ponder Hall and Governors Hall. The bicycles were secured to the racks with a chain style lock.

To prevent the theft of your bicycle, University Police strongly recommends the use of a U-shaped bike lock as the primary means of securing your bike to a bike rack. When securing your bike, please make sure that the lock you are using is in fact secured before you leave.

To secure your bike properly you should always lock your bike to a secure rack. If there's no room at a bike rack, please find another one nearby. UNC Asheville has many bicycle racks conveniently located throughout campus. Your bike should be secured by the frame and rear wheel to a bike rack. If you have a quick-release front wheel, take it off, place it against the frame and secure it also with your lock. Alternatively, leave the front wheel on and secure it to your U-lock with an additional device. Bicycles secured with chain or cable locks are easier targets.

University Police also recommend that you record the make, model and serial number of your bicycle and keep the information where you can easily access it. Also keep a photograph of the bicycle. You can also register your bicycle information with University Police. It is quick, easy and cost nothing. When you register your bike you will be given a numerical decal to place on the frame. In the event there is a theft and your bicycle is recovered, this will expedite the process of returning it to you.

You can also help prevent campus bike thefts. Be observant around bike racks, even when your bike is not there. Watch out for someone who might be checking out bikes or looking for an easy target. Report suspicious persons to University Police at 828-251-6710.

For additional information on how to properly secure your bicycle, please contact University Police 828-251-6710.
