Crime Alert

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WTAMU has experienced several thefts of property early in this semester specifically bicycles, cell phones and laptops. In most instances the thefts were committed as “crimes of opportunity” meaning the property was not properly secured. The University Police Department has a program entitled OPERATION LOCK OUT THEFT, a crime prevention initiative for online property registration. The program educates you about crime risks and how to avoid being a victim. It also encourages you to complete a basic inventory of your property and record indentifying characteristics as well as the serial number of your property. In the event a theft occurs, the property records are used to enter the stolen property into the state and nationwide databases to aid in the recovery of your stolen property.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

• Always lock your room door and windows
• Never allow other people access to your keys
• Accompany all guests in your room
• Use an engraving tool to mark an owner applied number on all of your electronics
• Make arrangements with your roommate to ensure that these guidelines are followed by each of you
• Immediately report any thefts or break-ins to the University Police Department
• Avoid leaving valuables in your vehicle or secure them completely out of sight
• Always lock your vehicle and take your keys even if you are going somewhere for a short period of time
• Register your property and/or keep an inventory of your valuables in the event something is lost or stolen

If you have a loss of property, contact the University Police Department at 806-651-2300.