To: Boston University Medical Campus and Boston Medical Center Community
From: Connie Packard, Director of Public Safety, Control Center and Parking Services
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In the last month five bicycles and three bike parts have been stolen from racks at various locations around campus. None of these incidents involved any bicycles secured in either of the two bicycle cages on campus. In one incident, a suspect was arrested in the act and the bicycle recovered.

The Boston University Medical Center Department of Public Safety recommends bicyclists utilize the secure bicycles cages and use an appropriate locking device. To obtain additional information about the bicycle cages, contact TranSComm at 617-638-7474 or www.bumc.bu.edu/transcomm.

Please remember the following when securing your bicycle:

- Always lock your frame with a high quality U-lock. Cable locks are just too easy to cut. Get rid of any U-lock with a round barrel key. These locks can be broken into easily by an experienced thief.
- Keep your bike locked at all times.
- Lock your bike in a well lit area.
- Lock your bike to an object that is securely bolted or cemented to the ground, and that has something affixed to the top to prevent thieves from lifting the bike or lock over the top of the object.
- Position your lock with key mechanism facing down.
- Create a snug fit with wheels and frame so that there is little room in the U-portion of the lock for thieves’ tools.
- Take removable bicycle parts with you.
- **DON’T** lock your bike to itself, or to objects that can be easily cut.
- **DON’T** position lock near the ground to prevent
thieves from attempting to leverage or crush the lock.

Identify/Mark your bike! Engraving, tape, paint and other means are very helpful ways to mark and personalize your bike. You can even place your name, address and telephone number in a plastic bag and stash it inside the seat post. Bike shops will discover it when servicing the bike and can check to ensure the bike is being used by its proper owner.

Take a picture or two. The photos will help you to identify/recover the bike if it is ever stolen.

Register your bicycle with Boston University or a national bike registration service such as the National Bicycle Registry (www.nationalbikeregistry.com).

Keep your original purchase receipts and any bicycle serial number(s) recorded in a safe place.

Contact BUMCDPS Manager of Investigations, Brian Raymond at 617-414-4442 for further information.