SUBJECT: UFPD sees increase in bike thefts
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NARRATIVE:

The University of Florida Police Department would like to alert the community to an increase in bike thefts in recent weeks at the University of Florida.

In the first three months of this year, 33 bicycles have been reported stolen to the UFPD. This is compared to 19 bikes reported stolen during the same period last year.

There is no pattern to the location, time of day, or value of bicycles stolen. One thing that most thefts have in common is the type of locking device used to secure the bicycle. In most cases, bicycles were secured using a cable type lock. The UFPD recommends using a U-Lock style bike lock which is more difficult for the criminal element to remove.

The proper way to secure the bicycle is with a U-Lock fastened through the front tire, frame and bike rack. Bicycle owners are also encouraged to register their bicycle with the UFPD. This can be done by any UFPD officer on campus or at the University of Florida Police Department.

We ask that anyone who sees suspicious activity around bike racks to notify law enforcement immediately.

For questions regarding information contained in this release, please contact Captain Jeff Holcomb at 273-3301, or after hours at 392-1111 (# UFPD (#8373). I can also be reached via e-mail at jholcomb@ufl.edu, or see the UFPD webpage at http://www.police.ufl.edu/

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