



UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION FOR TIMELY WARNING



SUBJECT: *Increase of Bicycle Thefts from UF Campus*
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NARRATIVE:

The University of Florida Police Department (UFPD) has identified a recent increase of bicycle thefts from the UF campus. In a comparison between the years 2017 and 2018 for the date range of July 1st through September 1st, there were an additional 13 bicycles stolen this year.

2017	2018
20	33

UFPD recently made 3 arrest in connection with the theft of bicycles.

Regardless if you have a bicycle or not, UFPD wants to reminds everyone, “If You See Something, Say Something” and report all suspicious person(s) or activity to Law Enforcement immediately by calling (352) 392-1111 or 9-1-1.

The University of Florida Police Department would like to remind the community of some very helpful tips when securing your bicycle:

- Invest in a U-lock, instead of the traditional “cable lock”.
- When securing your bicycle, thread the U-lock through the wheel, frame, and bicycle rack.
- Register your bicycle with UFPD. This is a free service that records some pertinent information about your bicycle, so in the event it is stolen, it increases the chances of being returned to you. To do this, you may request with any UFPD Officer you encounter on Patrol, or come to the Community Services Division at UFPD.

If you have any information regarding these recent bicycle thefts, please call UFPD Investigations Division at (352) 394-4705.

For questions regarding information contained in this release, please contact Lieutenant Jeff Moran at (352) 273-3301. If after hours, please call (352) 392-1111 (# **UFPD** (#8373) and ask to speak to a Patrol Supervisor. I can also be reached via e-mail at: jdmorean@ufl.edu or see the UFPD webpage at <http://www.police.ufl.edu>.

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