

Theft at UVU

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Goals of the research

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- Main locations where the theft occurred?
- What were the targeted items being stolen from UVU?
- Who were the people being targeted (If any)?
- When were the thefts occurring (time of day, time of season) ?



Our Purpose

We wanted to help better educate the students of UVU, about theft and how to avoid being a victim themselves or their fellow colleagues.



What we hypothesized?

- Most theft would occur at night between 6-10 p.m.
- Most theft would occur in the parking lot
- Cameras were the number one way in helping apprehend the suspect
- Most of the victims would be females
- Items being stolen where electronics: cell phones, laptops, and music devices.

Methods

- Surveys were issued through Qualtrics to 400 random students
- The survey consisted of 64 questions emailed to the individuals
- Past experiments through literature peer review articles in relations to other colleges



Results

- 3/29 respondents have been victims of theft
- Out of the three thefts, 2 left their items unattended for just a few min
- The 2 in the building were in the bathroom when the theft occurred
- The vehicle that was broken into was a SUV, and was a Red Subaru
- The car was locked and they did enter vehicle through the door
- The car was not damaged

Results of survey

LOCATIONS OF THEFT OCCURRING AT UVU

- (1) in the (LA/PE) building
- (1) PS/SC building
- (1) Parking Lot M1 by the National Guard
- All reported thefts that occurred inside, took place in the hall or bathroom



Results of survey

ITEMS THAT WERE REPORTED STOLEN INCLUDE:

- LAPTOP
- CASH
- OTHER



Results of survey

Who were the people being targeted (If any)?

The Majority of victims were males. (2 out of 3)

The Minority was one female victim.

The victims were 1 Junior and 2 Seniors



Results of survey

All instances occurred between September-October

All thefts reported occurred between 12PM - 6 PM

But majority that were victims of theft
item/items unattended between
1-5 minutes and were only a few feet
away.



Continued Results

- One of the three incidents was reported to UVU police and the act was caught by an eye-witness.
- Out of all of the incidents none of the victims items were recovered.
- Even though no items were retrieved, all victims feel that UVU is a safe place.

Similarities in other Studies

- In one of the peer reviews it showed that criminals don't really care about the penalty of being caught, but mainly the pay out of the items being stolen.
 - What items thieves look for
 - Hotspots
 - Most common items stolen
 - Find solutions to the problem

Ideas to make UVU a safer place from theft

- Invest in more cameras
- Contact other colleges to learn about their theft prevention and apply them.
- Tell students where the hotspots are for theft
- Students should be more aware of their surroundings and if they see activities of theft occurring they should report it.
- Always keep in mind that your valuables are vulnerable for theft when



What we could have done better?

- Asked the book store
- Asked the library
- Asked uvu police about incidents
- Hand out survey's instead of internet survey.
- Seen how many bikes were being stolen
- Asked teachers and staff if they were targets of theft or random victims.