

Notable Arrests of the Month: September and October 2009

On October 10th, a citizen called the UWPD to report that he had made arrangements via craigslist to purchase what he believed was his stolen laptop. It had been stolen in a burglary off campus but the victim had arranged to meet the seller in the Odegaard Undergraduate Library. Plainclothes officers were on scene for the “exchange,” and officers detained two subjects. The male subject had outstanding warrants for his arrest so Officer Fontenot placed him under arrest. SPD officers arrived and interviewed both detained subjects. They released the female subject. UWPD officers took the male suspect to jail. SPD will be conducting the follow up investigation. Because a citizen contacted the UWPD and worked in conjunction with us, we were able to make an arrest—a wonderful example of citizen-police collaboration.

Mid-day on September 2nd, a call came into dispatch that two males were fighting near the Architecture building and that one of the males was leaving the scene. Officer Ellrodt contacted an individual matching the description of the subject who had left the scene. The individual claimed he had not hit anyone. Meanwhile at Architecture Hall, Officer Van Leuven contacted the other male involved and discovered the incident was a strong-arm robbery in which the suspect Officer Ellrodt was speaking with had attempted to steal the cell phone of the male at Architecture. The victim positively identified the suspect. Officer Ellrodt then placed the suspect under arrest for attempted robbery.

This Month's Statistics:

The following statistics are for the most common part one crimes on campus. (Homicide and rape have not been included in this table due to rare reporting of these crimes.) The weighted average for the year to date is shown to give citizens a sense for what kind of numbers are normal year to date. A weighted average is used instead of simply an average as a weighted average gives more weight to more recent years and thus is a more accurate reflection of the level of crime we should expect. (Theft excludes car prowls and bike thefts as they are counted separately.)

Crime	Jan-Sep 2008	Jan-Sep 2009	Weighted Average of Last Four Years	% Difference Between 2009 & Average
Aggravated Assault	3	2	4	-50%
Simple Assault	24	23	26	-12%
Robbery	5	7	3	133%
Burglary	63	28	59	-53%
Theft	193	179	203	-12%
Car Prowl	57	71	72	-1%
Bike Theft	83	122	116	5%
Auto Theft	17	7	22	-68%

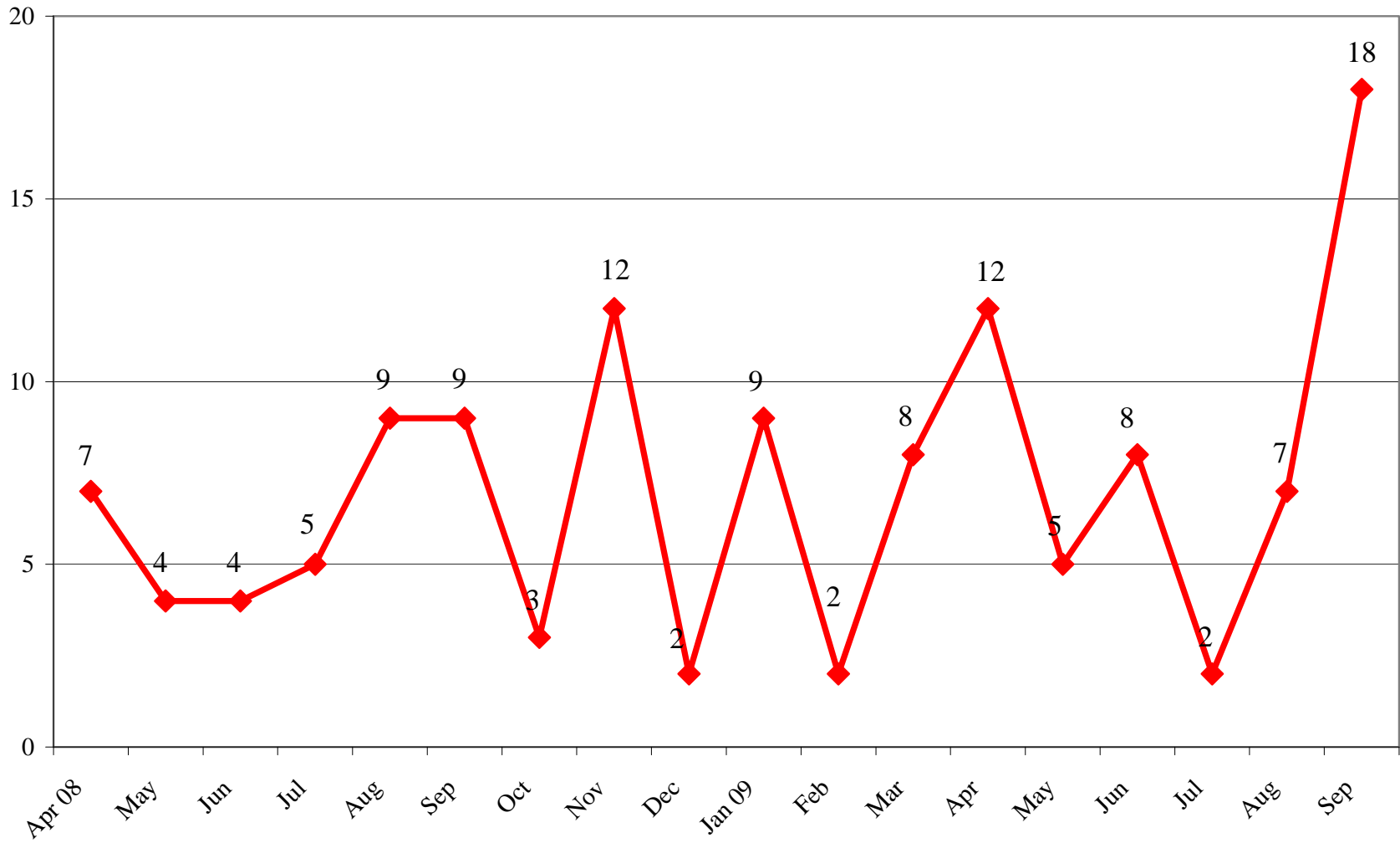
Please note that even though robberies are up year to date relative to the average by 133%, this difference is caused by four additional incidents.

Hot and Cold Crimes for September 2009

Crime numbers highlighted in blue represent "cold" incident types, where there are fewer such incidents than normal. Crime numbers highlighted in red represent "hot" incident types, where there are more such incidents than normal.

Crime	Average # of Incidents for September	Incidents in September 2009	Notes
Bike Theft	15	7	The campus is still high year to date on bike thefts but they have slowed down and September was a slower month than usual for this time of year. October often sees another peak of bike thefts as students return to school. Remember to lock up your bike, preferably with both a u-lock *and* a cable lock. Remember to secure your bike properly and not just put the lock through the front tire; put the lock through the frame of the bike *and* the tire.
Car Prowl	8	18	Do not leave valuables in the passenger compartment of your vehicle. Most car prowls are of vehicles where items were visible—for example, sitting on the passenger seat or floorboard. Take all valuable with you, or store them in your trunk *before* you arrive at your destination.

CAR PROWL



BIKE THEFT

