Crime Alert – UPDATE Arrests made in UCR Campus Store Thefts

On 10/31/12 and 11/02/12 there were two reported thefts of backpacks from the UCR Campus Store. In both thefts, the suspects (two female adults) entered the bookstore, placed their items into one lobby cubbyhole, and walked into the store. When exiting the store, one suspect retrieved their belongings from the cubbyhole, while the other suspect stole a victim’s backpack from another cubbyhole. The crime was captured by Campus Store security camera footage which showed both thefts were perpetrated by the same two female suspects.

After the Friday theft, UCPD officers conducted an area check for the suspects as seen on video. During the area check, UCPD officers were able to find both suspects. The suspects were arrested for burglary and conspiracy to commit burglary. During the investigation, UCPD officers were able to recover most of the stolen property (including a MacBook Pro computer) from the thefts in the suspects’ vehicle. Both of the suspects were also charged with possession of stolen property.

UCPD would like to take this opportunity to remind all community members to be cautious with the personal items they choose to leave in the Campus Store cubbyholes and to immediately report any items that are missing so UCPD officers can review security camera recordings in a timely manner.