UCPD Detectives Arrest Three in Athletics Burglary Investigation

UCPD would like to take this opportunity to share the closure of a burglary investigation with the campus community. On 2/13/12 a burglary was reported to UCPD by the Department of Athletics where over $10,000 of equipment was stolen from the UCR Baseball locker room at the Sports Complex facility on Blaine St. and Canyon Crest Dr. Numerous electronic items, two flat screen televisions, bats, gloves, sunglasses and other items were stolen.

An observant UCR Baseball player noticed a Craig’s List ad for some of the stolen items and he alerted UCPD. UCPD detectives worked with Athletics staff to confirm that the items posted on Craig’s List were the items stolen in the burglary. UCPD detectives and members of the University Neighborhood Enhancement Team conducted an undercover operation to meet the sellers of the property at an off-campus location. The meeting resulted in the arrest of one juvenile and two adults for burglary, conspiracy to commit burglary, and possession of stolen property. None of the suspects have affiliation with UCR as students or staff. Numerous items of University property stolen in the Athletics burglary were recovered at one of the suspect’s homes including a flat screen TV, stereo system, and 18 baseball bats valued at $400 each. The total value of recovered property is well in excess of $10,000.

The recovery of this stolen property is important for the continuity of our Baseball program and highlights again the successful partnership between a community member and the police in identifying and apprehending criminals.