**INTERVIEW WITH A BIKE THIEF**

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**Were you asked to steal specific bikes?**

I would only steal bikes that were decent to get a good return on. But I’d take anything that I can sell.

**Do you know what happened to them after you got rid of them?**

People would ride them around. But owners are stupid and they never register details of their bike anywhere. I’ve been stopped on a stolen bicycle, but since there’s no record of it, I go on my way.

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Invest in a strong lock, the more expensive the lock, the more effective it’s going to be.

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**TOP 3 LOCK Recommendations**

1. **U-lock**
2. **Folding lock**
3. **Chain lock**

**BEST CHOICE!**

U-Locks are the most difficult for thieves to break.

**DON’T BUY**

CABLE LOCKS

77% of stolen bikes at UCI were secured with a cable lock.

**16 mm U-locks and chain links can’t be cut by bolt cutters.**

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**STOLEN!**

**YOUR UCI BIKE PROTECTION GUIDE**

**Was Your Bike STOLEN?**

Report It!  Two options...

1. **Call (949) 824-5223**
2. **Visit the UCI Police Department**

**Why?**

- If your bike is recovered, it can be quickly returned to you.
- It helps the Police Department collect data to catch bike thieves.

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According to the National Bike Registry, “a four-year student bicyclist faces a 53% (1 in 2) chance of losing their bike to theft.”

Bicycle thefts are a prevalent issue on UCI campus - in fact, it’s our top crime. We share these 2013 - 2018 facts to help you avoid becoming the next victim. We encourage you to take the proper steps to secure your bicycle.

**Most Stolen Brands at UCI**

- Schwinn
- Specialized
- Giant
- Trek
- Fuji

**3PM - 6PM typical TIME for thefts**

**Monday**

- Typical Days for thefts

**Top Theft Locations**

- Mesa Court
- VDC Norte
- Verano Housing
- Engineering Area
- Campus Village

**Most Stolen Bike Type**

Mountain Bike

**Total Value of Stolen Bikes**

$215,307.00

**77% of stolen bikes were SECURED with cable locks**

**Number of Reported Bike Thefts Per Month**

UCI Police Department