

## Crime Prevention News

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### Spring is in the Air ...Time for Bike Riding



In an effort to encourage the greater use of bicycles and to provide greater availability of bicycle parking resources, University Facilities has increased the number of bike racks on campus to accommodate up to 200 additional bicycles. Some additional existing bike rack spaces have also been reclaimed through the removal of clearly derelict bicycles from existing racks.

In order to ensure the availability of sufficient bike rack parking, the Department of Public Safety has implemented a bicycle parking policy for the Morningside Campus. The principal points, including extended storage and illegally secured bicycles, can be viewed on the CU Public Safety website: [www.columbia.edu/cu/publicsafety](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/publicsafety). You can also view campus bike rack locations at: [www.columbia.edu/cu/publicsafety/bikeracklocations.htm](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/publicsafety/bikeracklocations.htm)

Public Safety also offers bike registration, with both the NYPD & CU Public Safety, for FREE. A unique ID number is engraved on the bike and a non-removable Police decal is placed on the bike which deters bike theft and helps identify registered bikes. **We encourage bicycle owners not to use any type of cable lock to secure their bikes.** Use a high security U-lock to secure the tire and frame together onto the bike rack. Public Safety also offers Kryptonite bike locks at discounted prices.

\* **The Club U-Lock \$10** \* **Kryptonite NY U-Lock \$50** \* **Kryptonite NY Forgetaboutit Chain \$75**

For more information on bike registration and discounted bike locks, please call CU Public Safety Crime Prevention at **854-8513**.



### Student Recovers Laptop as a Result of The NYPD & CU Public Safety's Operation ID And Blue Light Programs



Another Operation ID success story! Pictured here with James McShane, AVP for Public Safety, is CU Student Peter Grote who was on his way to the airport during spring break when he left his laptop which was engraved and registered with NYPD & CU Public Safety, in a taxi. Upon reaching his destination, Mr. Grote could only imagine the worst. Not only had he lost the money he paid for the laptop, but all his hard work as well. Fortunately, the taxi driver noticed that the laptop he found in his back seat was engraved & registered with the NYPD & CU. He turned it in to the nearest police station who alerted Public Safety of the recovery. Mr. Grote received a call from us a short time later with the good news. Designed to discourage theft, Operation ID and the NYPD Blue Light program are FREE & effective. A unique number is engraved on the property which is registered with the NYPD & CU Public Safety. In addition, invisible ink is also used to assist the Police in recovering stolen property. For more information on Operation ID & the NYPD Blue Light program please call **854-8513**.

### PC Phone Home for Vista and Mac Phone Home for Leopard



The stolen laptop recovery program PC Phone Home & Mac Phone Home is now available for Vista & Leopard operating systems, free for students, faculty & staff by appointment. For more information please call Crime Prevention at **854-8513**. Windows users can still download PC Phone Home from the CUIT website: [www.columbia.edu/acis/software/pcphonehome](http://www.columbia.edu/acis/software/pcphonehome)

**Coming soon:** The enterprise version for Mac Phone Home which Mac users can download into their computers straight from the CUIT website. Stay tuned.