CRIME ALERT

Burglary of an Office Area
Shelby Center

In compliance with the "Timely Warning" provision of the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998, the UAH Police Department is giving notice of a burglary of an office located inside the first floor of the Shelby Center.

Reported Offense: On September 9, 2011, someone recently entered the unlocked office area of room 129 and removed various small electronic items such as a digital camera and a laptop computer. The suspect(s) apparently gained entry by way of a faulty door lock as well as by simply walking into unlocked cubicle style work spaces. Evidence also exists that there have been at least one other earlier attempt to forcibly enter a locked office by prying the door lock.

There is no suspect information at this time. However, the UAH Police would like you to remember the following guidelines:

**Guidelines to help prevent theft**
1. NEVER leave your office unlocked even for a few minutes. Thieves look for targets of opportunity…DON’T give it to them
2. Secure your personal belongings in a locked filing cabinet, closet, or desk drawer. Thieves will look behind doors and under desks first.
3. Record serial numbers for computers and electronic items that are often easy targets for theft.
4. If you see anyone in your work area whom you don’t recognize, ask them “May I help you?” They may just be lost or looking for assistance. They also may be looking to steal and by bringing your attention to them, they will probably move on. Call Police if you feel someone’s behavior is suspicious.
5. Never hesitate to call the police if you see someone looking into open office doors, trying to open different doors along a hallway, or peering into parked cars.
6. Report crimes to UAH Police immediately upon detection at 256/824-6596. Delaying the report reduces the chances for the perpetrators to be caught and the property recovered.