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Decoy bicycles used to combat bicycle thefts

Decoy bikes have been placed around campus to track down thefts. The decoys use data such as GPS in order to track down the thief.

“My friend has had his bicycle stolen three times, and he’s tried to tell the police, but he has not heard back from them,” Frank Xin, senior in FAA said. “I’ve had my seat stolen before, too.”

Thieves look for bikes that are not properly locked or are attached to things that are not designed to protect bikes.

“We have made four arrests since we started doing that, and we are going to continue to use those anti-theft bikes indefinitely,” said Patrick Wade, UIPD spokesman.

Wade suggests using a U-lock to protect a bicycle. He said it is especially important to lock it through the tire and the frame of the bike.