

NAU Timely Warning / Crime Alert (CA# 2024-05)

THEFTS – E-SCOOTERS

On March 27th, 2024, the NAU Police Department (NAUPD) received multiple reports of e-scooter theft on the Flagstaff Mountain Campus. The thefts occurred at multiple locations across campus. If you have any further information regarding these thefts, please contact NAUPD.

Each report filed yesterday included similar information about the locks that were used. Each scooter had been secured with a rope or cable style lock that had been defeated. All locks were undamaged and attached to the bike rack. It is possible that the scooters were folded in a manner that they could be removed from the lock. Cable locks can be quickly and easily defeated and NAUPD highly encourages bike/scooter owners to invest in a high quality U-Lock or foldable metal type lock. The scooters stolen were valued between \$350-\$700. A quality U-Lock or Kryptonite lock can be purchased for between \$20-\$50.

NAUPD urges you to call 911 immediately if you notice suspicious activity. Delays in reporting decrease our ability to solve these crimes. We also need your help preventing these crimes. Please take necessary actions to secure personal property including bikes & scooters. See below for some guidance on securing your property.



SECURITY TIPS

- Secure bike/scooter at all times and avoid leaving for long periods of time.
- If your bike/scooter is unused for a period, check it & record the date/time of your last check.
- Properly use an anti-theft device, such as a high-quality steel (U-lock type) lock and air tag.
- Keep receipts and record the make, model, and serial number of your bike/scooter.
- Report all suspicious activity to the NAU Police Department immediately by calling 911.
- Visit <https://linktr.ee/naupolice> for more comprehensive info on securing an e-scooter.
- For more safety tips, download the NAU SAFE app. Visit <https://in.nau.edu/its/nausafe/>.