

## BICYCLE THEFT CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

- Use a quality case-hardened steel U-bolt lock.
- Lock your bike to a bike rack.
- Avoid locking your bicycle up in isolated or dimly lit places.
- Secure the bike at least through the frame and rear wheel to a bicycle rack.
- Register your bike with the Tulane University Police Department.
- Before leaving your bicycle, give the lock a tug to ensure it is secured.
- Always lock your bike, even if you're just leaving it for a moment.
- Report suspicious behavior around bicycle racks by calling 504-865-9111 on the Uptown Campus or 504-988-5555 on the Downtown Campus.



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Diboll Complex  
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## TULANE UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT BAIT BIKE PROGRAM



## Can You Tell Which One Of These Bicycles



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# BAIT BIKE?



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# Program Overview

In an effort to reduce bicycle thefts on campus the Tulane University Police Department (TUPD) will begin using a **Bicycle Anti-theft Instantaneous Tracking (BAIT)** device. GPS tracking units will be affixed to



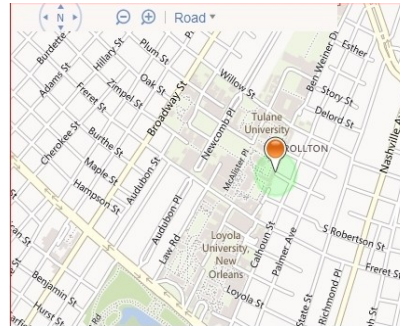
various styles and types of bicycles which are left unattended or locked at racks throughout

the campus where statistics have shown high probability of theft.

When moved outside the defined geo-fence space, the GPS tracking device records the direction and speed that the bike is heading. This information is simultaneously sent in real-time, to the TUPD personnel.

# Program Description

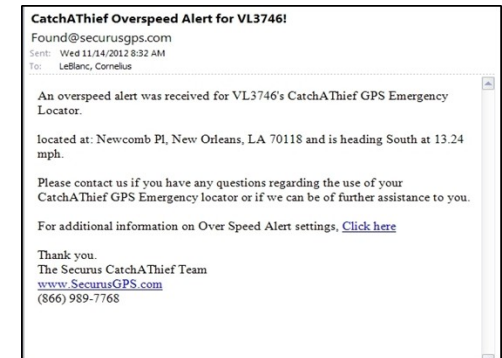
The BAIT program utilizes GPS tracking software to monitor and track specific bicycles that have been fitted with GPS units. A web portal allows TUPD to test the GPS units, create “geo-fence”



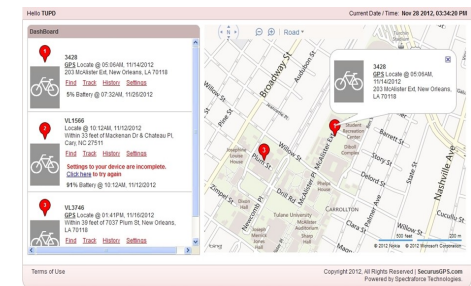
boundaries that alert BAIT personnel when a GPS unit crosses the boundary, track the BAIT bike, gather information on its location, and apprehend the suspect.

Once the bike is positioned within the geo-fence area, the GPS unit is activated and the bike's location signals are wirelessly transmitted to an offsite central location managed by the tracking software. If the bicycle is out of the geo-fenced area a web interface

utilizes Google Maps to display the GPS coordinates to track the bike's movement in real-time. With real-time alerts and information, enforcement personnel can determine the best



method of pursuit. Once the geo-fence has been breached by a suspect a text message and an email are delivered to the supervisor and other personnel.



The police dispatcher logs into a web portal and begin tracking the movement of the bicycle using Google Maps until the suspect is apprehended.