Operation ID

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Operation Identification is free of charge and can effectively assist in reducing theft on campus. Beginning with the inventory below, fill out all information and keep in a safe place. In case any of the items are lost or stolen this allows you to have a quick reference as to their specifications.

Also, have the Campus Security conspicuously mark each item of personal property with a unique identifier, preferably your driver's license number. This accomplishes the following:

- Marked property makes stolen goods difficult to sell.
- Marking Property contributes to a higher rate of conviction for those apprehended with it in their possession.
- Marked property makes it easier for law enforcement officials to return it to the rightful owner if it is stolen or lost. The system requires a small amount of time and effort on your part, but the property identification and inventory (see below) will protect you and your property. The purpose of the inventory record is to give law enforcement officials essential information if you are victimized.

What to Mark and How To Mark It
For hard objects such as computers, bicycles, radios, stereos, televisions, cameras, watches, sporting goods, and appliances use an engraving tool (Campus Security can engrave it for you in MSAC 2015, or in the Safety and Security Office MSAC 1000), to mark your identification on a conspicuous permanent part of the item. Make sure the mark is legible.

For unmarkable items such as jewelry, musical instruments, antiques, etc., place the object against a plain background and take several color photographs from different angles. Include a ruler with the picture for scale. Label the pictures and keep them with this form.

For soft or porous items such as leather, fiberboard, or cloth use a contrasting magic marker.

What Number To Use
Do not use your Social Security Number. It is impossible for law enforcement agencies to trace articles that are marked with this number. The most effective number is your state driver's license number. Law enforcement agencies across the country have access to this number through state motor vehicle numbers. Assign each item a different number by adding a number to the end of your driver's license number for each item. The final digit (item number) is required by the FBI so that if the item is ever stolen it will have a unique number for entry.
into the National Crime Information System. Make sure all identifying marks and numbers are included on the inventory form.