

POLICE BEAT

Floor buffer, elevator damaged in Carson

1 Custodial equipment owned by the University was vandalized and an elevator was damaged in Carson Hall during the early morning of April 24, according to a police report.

A housing staff member told police he left a floor buffer in the first-floor lobby while working in another residence hall and returned about 45 minutes later to find the buffer missing.

An officer from the Office of Public Safety later found the buffer in the third-floor lobby of Carson. The extension cord hooked to the buffer was cut two feet from the buffer's handle, according to the report.

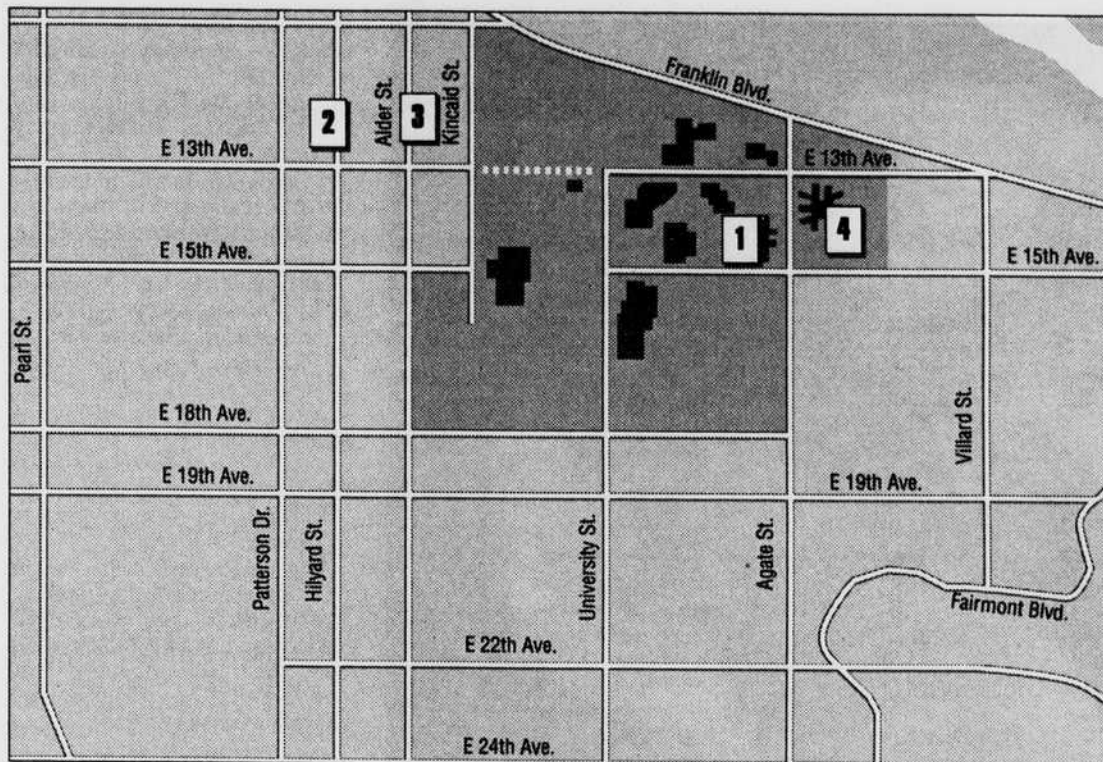
The officer located the remainder of the 75-foot cord still plugged in a wall jack in the first-floor lobby. The severed cord was lodged in between the elevator doors and the carriage, causing the elevator to malfunction. The officer was unable to remove the cord.

No suspect information was available, and no witnesses were found at the scene.

'Doctor' prank calls patients at hospital

2 Prank calls to a local hospital involving a male suspect pretending to be a doctor have resulted in an investigation by local police, according to a police report.

During the past four years, a male suspect has called a phone number inside the Peace Health Medical Group, 1255 Hilyard St., claiming to be a doctor.



The number connected to a room in the maternity ward, where a patient (usually a woman who just gave birth) answered the phone. The suspect would tell the patient she needed to set up an appointment to have an enema.

According to the report, the suspect would talk to the patients about preparation for the procedure using specific medical terminology in an attempt to make the patients believe him.

Hospital personnel found out about the calls after patients complained about the nature of the calls or said they were waiting for the "doctor" to show up.

Hospital employees suspected a mentally challenged man who frequently called the hospital for various reasons. One employee contacted the man's counselor, who then talked to the man about calls made to the hospital. The man told the counselor his "evil twin" made the calls.

The hospital had the phone number changed and connected the previous number to the "Ask a Nurse" phone system at the hospital. Nurses have recorded four phone calls from the suspect, according to the report.

The incident is still under investigation.

Student charged with removing car boot

3 A 19-year-old University student was arrested and charged with petty larceny after removing the boot from his car, which was the result of over \$1,000 in unpaid parking citations, according to a police report.

A parking control officer from OPS booted the car, located in the University parking lot at 874 E. 12th Ave., on April 21 after learning of the unpaid citations.

The officer returned to the lot the next day to find the car missing from the spot where it was

booted. After searching the lot, the officer found the car illegally parked in the lot and called a tow truck to have the car moved.

Soon after the call was made, the student and a friend came to claim the car. The student said he removed the boot because he needed to drive to class. The student told the officer he put the boot in his trunk. The officer removed the boot and arrested the student.

He was fined \$1,000 and the University planned to press charges, according to the report.

Caller gives opinion of resident assistants

4 A female resident housing assistant in Wilcox Hall of the Bean Complex received a phone message from an unidentified male suspect who gave his opinion of resident assistants with expletives included, according to a police report.

The 20-year-old University student, who received the call April 20, said she might know who the suspect is but did not want charges pressed against the person.

The woman was unwilling to give the name of the person she suspected. However, she did want to find out if it was actually that person, so that she could stay away from the person and any mutual friends he has, the report stated.

The woman was to contact police following the investigation, but further information was unavailable.

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