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said the library is checking to see if any of the books belonged to them, but it is a long process because many of the eBay listings don't have the exact book title. Carver said she is confident that a significant number of the books were from the library.

She added that this was the library's first case of auction fraud as well as its first case of major book theft since the late 1980s.

Williams said Collver, who was on probation for another crime, turned himself in to his probation officer on March 29. Collver had pledged to turn himself in sooner but failed to do so. According to Williams, Collver claimed to have personal business to attend to before being taken into custody.

EPD is holding Collver on charges of first degree theft, which is theft of more than \$750, selling stolen property and computer crime, Williams said.

Beyond these charges, Collver has seven outstanding warrants in Marion, Linn, Benton and Lane counties, Williams said.

Williams said online-auction fraud is fairly common in Eugene.

"We get a lot of eBay fraud cases,"

he said, adding that victims of these cases have been located all over the country, and some in other parts of the world. It is difficult, however, to get victims from outside of Oregon to the trials to testify against suspects.

"If the dollar amount is high enough, (the cases) usually get federal attention," he said.

Carver said she doesn't know how Collver was able to get the books past the security system.

"We have a good and reliable security system," she said. "It's the one in place in most libraries."

She added that it's not airtight, but the library has no plans to change the system.

Carver said book dealers aren't interested in buying books with library seals and stealing from the library isn't worth it.

"(Selling stolen books) might work for awhile," Carver said. "But eventually someone will alert the owning library."

She added that eBay and other organizations have good mechanisms in place to alert authorities.

An eBay representative said that the organization had no one to speak on this issue.

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AMERICA'S BEST GRADUATE SCHOOLS 2005

Overall top education schools:

1. Harvard University
2. Stanford University
3. University of California - Los Angeles
4. Teachers College, Columbia University (New York)
5. Vanderbilt University (Tennessee)
6. University of California - Berkeley
7. University of Wisconsin - Madison
8. University of Oregon

Overall top business schools:

1. Harvard University
2. Stanford University
3. University of Pennsylvania
4. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
5. Northwestern University (Illinois)

Overall top law schools:

1. Yale University
2. Harvard University
3. Stanford University
4. Columbia University (New York)
5. New York University

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connected with research funding," he said. "There's nothing subjective about that."

Romero said that he takes these kinds of rankings "with a grain of salt," but he is still pleased the school is being recognized nationally.

Second year MBA student Dennis Schrag said it is difficult to gauge a school's rankings because students have different reasons for attending certain schools.

"There's just too many X factors to put an exact number on it," he said, adding that he did not take previous rankings into account when he chose to attend the school.

Special Education graduate student Shanna Millen said the College of Education is highly deserving of its rankings because it is one of the leading schools in the nation.

"The U of O's education program is well-known and extremely valued by institutions all over the country," she said, adding that its previous rankings reinforced her decision to enter the program.

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