

Police Beat

The following incidents were reported to the Texas A&M University Police Department between Feb. 21 and last Friday.

INDECENT EXPOSURE: A man who was seated in the MSC Flag Room exposed his genitals to another man in the room. The subject could not be located in the area.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE: Officers were dispatched to Dorm 12 for a possible drug overdose. Investigation revealed that the subject had ingested a large quantity of Tylenol and an unknown painkiller in an apparent attempt to commit suicide. The subject was transported to Humana Hospital by A&M Emergency Medical Services personnel for treatment. A representative of the Student Counseling Service was notified of the situation.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: An officer observed two subjects attempting to place a bicycle in a tree on the west side of Puryear Hall. Three concrete trash containers were knocked over near the last bridge on Systems Loop in the A&M Research Park. The replacement cost for one of the damaged trash containers will be \$300.

TERRORISTIC THREAT: A man who works at the Transportation Center reported that he had been threatened by a co-worker. The man said he received this information from another worker who said the co-worker making the threat had displayed a handgun and made a threatening statement directed towards him.

ASSAULT: An Underwood Hall resident said she was the victim of an attempted sexual assault Feb. 22. She said she wanted to speak with her minister before giving any information to UPD about the suspect.

An officer was dispatched to Underwood Hall to investigate an assault that had just occurred. Investigation revealed that two female residents had been assaulted by a man they had just met. According to the women, they had met the subject and his friend at a local nightclub and had decided to return to the residence hall with them. While in their room, an argument occurred and one of the women struck one of the males for making a rude comment about her. The subject struck her in the face causing her to fall to the floor. When the other woman intervened, the subject hit her in the face, bloodying her nose. The victims said that before the fighting began the second male left the room and waited outside in the hall. The subjects fled the area after the altercation. The women said they did not need medical treatment for their injuries. Investigation continues.

A man reported that he was riding his bicycle home on Avenue B when a small vehicle drove past him and stopped. As he rode around the car, a passenger in the vehicle threw an egg which struck him on the forehead. He was treated and released by the A&M emergency care personnel.

BURGLARY OF COIN OPERATED MACHINE: Someone reported that the coin box had been removed from a Canon photocopier in the Pavilion. The coin box contained \$300.

RECKLESS DAMAGE: During foot patrol of the residence hall area, an officer observed a tan Chevrolet truck enter Parking Area 42 and travel across the curb and strike a tree. The operator of the

vehicle backed up and left the area. The unoccupied vehicle was located in Parking Area 30. The operator of the vehicle, who was identified and agreed to make restitution to the University, was issued a citation and released.

A woman reported that while sitting in her car in Parking Area 42, an identified subject jumped on her vehicle causing the window to break.

RECKLESS CONDUCT: During foot patrol of the Dunn Hall area, an officer observed a subject throwing a basketball from the third floor down at another subject who was walking by the residence hall. The basketball was thrown back at the third floor subject; however, the ball struck a window on the fourth floor. When the officer called to the subjects to stop the activity, they fled from the area.

POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA: A College Station man was arrested on four outstanding DPS warrants and for the possession of marijuana. The man was a passenger in the vehicle of a man who was arrested for driving while intoxicated. When informed of his pending arrest, the subject tried to hide a small package under the driver's seat which he had pulled out of his right pocket. The package contained a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana. Both men were jailed in the Brazos County Jail.

POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY-MISDEMEANOR THEFT: During patrol of campus property, an officer was advised that the occupants of a red Toyota truck were observed stealing street signs. Officers located the vehicle and identified the driver. Several street signs and traffic control devices were located in the bed of the truck. According to one of the subjects, the property was taken from Pasadena, Texas. Both subjects were released pending the verification from the Pasadena Police Department.

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED: Two individuals were arrested for DWI and jailed in the Brazos County Jail in separate incidents.

PUBLIC INTOXICATION: Someone was arrested and charged with public intoxication near the Academic Mall area. The subject was jailed in the Brazos County Jail.

MINOR IN POSSESSION: During patrol of campus property an officer observed two vehicles parked near the Parson's Mounted Cavalry Barn. Upon his approach one of the vehicles sped away. The second vehicle was occupied by four College Station juveniles who were in possession of alcoholic beverages. The children were released to the custody of their parents.

HARASSMENT: Six people received harassing phone calls in separate incidents.

A woman reported that she has been harassed by someone who leaves notes on her car, which she parks in Parking Area 62.

MISDEMEANOR THEFT/CIVIL DISTURBANCE: A College Station man reported that after an argument in his office, his ex-girlfriend took the keys to his vehicle and office while he was gone.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS: An officer was dispatched to investigate a report of three subjects attempting to open vehicles in Parking Area 48. The three subjects were located and identified as College

station residents. One of the individuals was issued a criminal trespass warning and released. The other two subjects were arrested for criminal trespass because both had previously been issued criminal trespass warnings. They were incarcerated in the Brazos County Jail.

MISDEMEANOR THEFT: A man reported that his bottle of heart medication had been removed from his jacket which was located in a locked custodial closet on the sixth floor of the Sterling C. Evans Library.

During patrol of campus property, an officer observed a 1983 Chevrolet Camaro resting on its wheel hubs in the center drive of Parking Area 3. The owner stated he had loaned the vehicle to two friends and that one of them would meet the officer at the vehicle. The man's friend who met the officer stated that when he and his roommate returned to campus the tires were intact. The stolen tires and rims were valued at \$600.

Someone reported that the freshman chemistry seating charts had been stolen from a bulletin board in Heldenfels Hall.

Thirteen flags were removed from the flagpoles in front of the MSC circle. The flags represented the countries of various student organizations who were participating in the events of International Week.

A man reported the disappearance of seven T-shirts from a clothes dryer on the third floor of Dunn Hall.

An officer was dispatched to check on an illegally parked vehicle in the driveway of the president's residence. Investigation revealed that a car had been hot-wired and driven from its parking space near the Duncan Dining Center. The operator of the vehicle stated the vehicle was taken on Feb. 25.

A man reported that while resting upon a couch in the Remote Computing Center, he had placed a volume of the IEEE Communications Periodicals beside him. He awoke to discover that the volume of periodicals was gone. He said he had checked the volume out of the Sterling C. Evans Library the previous night.

A woman reported that she received a call from a person who had found her purse in the first floor women's restroom of the Blocker Building. The woman, who was unaware of the theft until contacted by the caller, stated the purse was taken from a room in the same building Feb. 21.

A College Station area business reported the theft of four of their magazine racks from various locations on campus.

A tailgate was removed from a 1987 Ford truck parked in Parking Area 40.

A tan car cover was removed from a car in Parking Area 30.

A license plate was removed from a 1983 Honda XLR 600 motorcycle which was parked on Coke Street.

A woman reported that one of her car hub-caps was stolen from her vehicle which was in Parking Area 38.

Three purses were stolen from various areas around campus.

Two backpacks were stolen in two separate incidents.

Six bicycles were stolen from six campus locations.

BURGLARY OF A HABITATION:

A woman reported that a 1.5 carat diamond pendant was removed from her Krueger Hall room.

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Colombian terrorists kidnap oil supervisor, demand ransom

HOUSTON (AP) — An oil drilling supervisor has been kidnapped by a Colombian terrorist group that is demanding a \$15 million ransom, spokesmen for the Houston-based company said.

Officials from Western Geophysical Co. of Houston said Monday they suspended work on an oil exploration project in Bogota, Colombia and laid off 200 Colombian employees after the employee, William Cuero, was abducted.

Cuero, a native Colombian, is believed to have been abducted by the National Liberation Army, or ELN, company officials told the Houston Chronicle.

The company said guerrillas told them the group intended to kidnap an American, but have refused to free Cuero.

Western Geophysical has refused to pay the ransom and is providing little information on the kidnapping in fear for Cuero's safety, the newspaper reported.

"The more they (terrorists) are in the dark, the better," company spokesman Jaen Lawrence said.

Western Geophysical is a joint venture of Beverly Hills, Calif.-based Litton and Dallas-based Dresser Industries Inc.

Gordon Barrows, owner of the Barrows Co., a New York-based firm that tracks laws and other data affect-

ing oil companies in foreign countries, estimated more than 100 petroleum company employees have been kidnapped in the past decade in Colombia.

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"It's been like this for at least 10 years, and it's getting worse," he said.

Last month, ELN kidnapped and freed three American hostages abducted as part of its "Operation Colombia" campaign, designed to protest U.S. intervention in Latin America.

Court removes boy from home

Brother of boy who died from alcohol poisoning placed in grandmother's care pending mother's trial

EVERMAN (AP) — A judge ruled Tuesday that the brother of a 5-year-old boy who died from drinking 10 ounces of bourbon be temporarily removed from his mother's custody, officials said.

The mother, Patricia Griffin, 31, was being held at the Tarrant County Jail on \$10,000 bond on a charge of injury to a child by gross negligence in the death last Wednesday of her son, Raymond Thomas Griffin II.

Doctors said the boy suffered irreversible brain damage after drinking the bourbon and some beer on Friday night. He had a blood alcohol level of .55 percent, five times the legal definition of intoxication in Texas. He died at a hospital after life-support machines were disconnected.

Tarrant County Juvenile Court Judge Scott Moore ordered the boy's brother, Rasad Griffin, 2, placed in custody of his grandmother, Peggy Price, said Michael Beene with the Department of Human Services.

Child protective services workers took Rasad from Griffin's home after Raymond's death.

"The child is being placed in the physical care of the grandmother pending further orders by the court," Beene said. But the department will continue to monitor care of the youngster, he said.

The department will maintain "managing conservatorship" or legal guardianship of the youth, Beene said.

"The mother still has parental rights," Beene said. "But we can consent to medical treatment and the

like for the child." The mother was also ordered to undergo a psychological evaluation, he said.

The next scheduled hearing is in six months.

Also charged in Raymond's death is Anthony Jimerson, 21. He is charged with first-degree felony injury to a child and is being held in lieu of \$100,000 bond. Griffin is charged with a third-degree felony.

Witnesses have told police that Jimerson wanted the boy to go to sleep at a neighborhood gathering March 2 so he could be alone with Griffin, said Police Chief Roger Larm.

Larm said Monday that Griffin was negligent because the boy did not receive immediate medical attention. The offense carries 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

Court denies application for appeal

Juror's 'passing remark' not enough for mistrial

DALLAS (AP) — The 5th District Court of Appeals has declined to grant a new trial for a man who was convicted in the slaying of two homosexual men in a Dallas park.

The conviction and subsequent 30-year prison term given to Richard Bednarski led to remarks by District Judge Jack Hampton that he didn't give Bednarski the maximum sentence of life in prison because the victims were homosexuals.

Defense lawyer Kevin Clancy claimed Bednarski should have been granted a mistrial and eventually a new trial because one of the jurors told his fellow jurors that he had visited the scene of the slaying to take some measurements while the jury was deadlocked.

Appeals court justices Monday denied the claim and noted that the juror's "passing remark" that he had visited the crime scene did not count as new evidence.

The court noted that the juror did not say what he did or saw at the park and was immediately admonished by other jurors not to discuss the incident further. The defense also argued that one of the victims had told police just before he died that his assailant was "stocky" and this description did not fit Bednarski.

The justices noted that other evidence pointed to Bednarski and said the addition of the word "stocky" to the man's description of the assailant did not shake their confidence in the guilty verdict.

Several witnesses who attended North Mesquite High School testified that Bednarski, a student at Richland Community College, was the only one armed when a group of teenagers went to Reverchon Park to harass homosexuals. Bednarski testified that his former classmates lied.