

# Campus police target car stereo thieves

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The UNLV Campus Police Department arrested a man with three stolen car stereos in his possession on Oct. 28.

The arrest was made as a result of a surveillance headed by Detective Lonnie Barrett of the UNLV Campus Police Department.

"We were able to map out certain patterns he [the suspect] followed, especially to what type of cars he hit and we were able to discover a prime time in which he liked to hit," said Detective Barrett.

During these times and any special events that were taking place, we kept a reserve officer and/or student security officer on duty," he added.

On Oct. 28, at 3:55 p.m., Reserve Officer Mark Smith observed a person acting in a suspicious manner and carrying a heavy bag.

When Officer Smith and responding backup Sergeant Sax, Officer Washington, and Officer Ryan tried to question the possible suspect, he ran from the north side of the museum to the Moyer Student Union.

A perimeter was set up around the student union and a search was conducted which revealed the possible suspect hiding by the south staircase.

He was searched and two sto-

len stereos, which were reported by students on that same day, in the area where he was first spotted, was found in the bag. An additional stereo which has not been reported was also found.

Police arrested 27-year-old Lamont Garrett, who was taken to the Clark County Detention Center. He may face three counts of burglary, two counts of stolen property, one count of possession of burglary tools, and one count of obstructing a police officer, police said. Bail totals \$4750.

When charges are filed, a court date will be set and he could face up to 33 years in jail, along with various fines.

Police said Garrett had not posted bail.

Detective Barrett says, "We are trying to link him to the other burglaries on campus. We have already started a follow-up investigation."

Detective Barrett continued, "We hope this will prevent further incidents in the future and we hope that if it does happen, students will report it immediately."

From September 27 to October 28 there were sixteen reported thefts from cars in parking areas around campus.

Detective Barrett said, "There may have been several more incidents which were not reported."

The Campus Police Department decided to conduct a surveillance

after gathering evidence.

Detective Barrett explains, "First, we chart out all significant information pertaining to each incident. These include such things as date, day, time frame, location, type of vehicle, if there was a forced entry or not, if any type of suspect was seen, what type of stereo or other items were stolen, and any other additional information in relation to the crime," he said.

He concludes, "Our main objective in conducting the surveillance is to apprehend suspects, reduce future losses and hopefully recover property."

The first theft occurred on Wednesday, Sept. 27, between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. at Lot N on Gym Rd. and Harmon.

The Volkswagen Jetta was entered through the passenger door and stripped of a Blaupunkt stereo.

The second burglary took place on Friday, Sept. 29, sometime between 7:45 a.m. and 2:25 p.m. on a dirt lot on Brussels Road.

The vehicle was a 1986 Volkswagen Golf which was forcefully entered through the passenger door and divested of a Kenwood stereo, damaging the dash.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, the third burglary occurred, between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m., at the dirt lot on Brussels Road.

In this incidence, a JVC stereo was dismantled out of a 1986 Volkswagen.

The fourth burglary on Tuesday, Oct. 10, took place on Lot A between 1:00 and 3:50 p.m.

The vehicle was a 1986 Volkswagen Golf robbed of a Blaupunkt stereo, with damage to the dash.

Detective Barrett states, "On this day a blue Suburban Van was seen circling the area in a suspicious manner."

On Thursday, October 12, two burglaries took place between 7:00 p.m. and 2:30 a.m., in two separate sections of the campus.

First, a 1989 Volkswagen Fox was robbed of a stock stereo and a backpack on the dirt lot on Brussels Road.

On the same day, a 1989 Hyundai Excel was entered on Lot 4 at the Thomas and Mack parking area and a Panasonic stock stereo was stolen.

Four more burglaries were committed on Tuesday, Oct. 17, during various hours.

The first was executed on a 1987 Hyundai Excel on Lot F during the hours of 7:20-12:10 p.m. The entry was forced through the passenger side, and a Panasonic stock stereo was stolen.

The second that day took place between 11:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Lot A with a forced entry.

An Alpine stereo and jacket was taken out of a 1988 Volkswagen on this occasion.

The third happened between

8:00 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. on a 1986 Volkswagen Jetta, in which the suspect entered through the passenger door and stole an MGA stereo, on Lot E.

The last incidence that day occurred on the LDS Lot, which is privately owned. This incidence was referred to the Metropolitan Police Department and no additional information has been released.

The eleventh burglary turned up on Saturday, Oct. 21, between 1:30 and 5:00 p.m.

The vehicle was a 1985 Volkswagen Jetta which was broken into on the passenger side, and an Alpine stereo was stolen.

Between 8: a.m. on Oct. 18 and 3:00 a.m. Oct. 19, the twelfth burglary was committed. This time, it was on the Warner Building parking lot.

On this occasion, a stock stereo was taken out of a 1989 Volkswagen Fox, causing extensive damage to the dash.

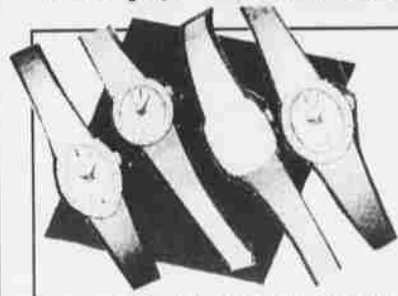
Saturday, Oct. 21, between 8:00 and 10:00 p.m., the thirteenth robbery took place on the LDS private lot and was immediately reported to Metro. No further information has been released.

The fourteenth theft occurred on Monday, Oct. 23, between 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. at the dirt lot on Brussels Road.

A Panasonic stereo and a Seiko Quartz watch were stolen out of a Hyundai.

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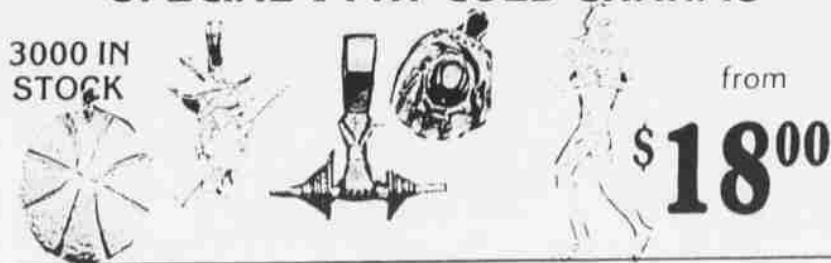


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