

Crime Report

Oct. 12, 1994

Annoying Phone Calls: Hughes Hall, Residential Life
Female dorm resident receives obscene and annoying telephone calls.

Grand Larceny: Thomas & Mack Center
Cellular telephone taken from SI Redd room.

Battery: Thomas & Mack Center
Subject was arrested for battery.

Disorderly Conduct: Thomas & Mack Center
Subject was arrested for disorderly conduct and taken to Clark County Detention Center.

Oct. 13, 1994

Vandalism: Parking Lot R—Track and Field by Cottage Grove
Juveniles joy riding on electric cart caused damage to cart. Juveniles left scene before officers arrived.

Driving Under Influence: Resident Parking Lot X
Male subject was arrested for driving under influence of alcohol. Subject drove vehicle over grass at residence halls.

Burglary-Forcible Entry: William D. Carlson Education Building
Vending machine was broken into by unknown suspects.

Vandalism: Desert Research Institute
Unknown persons damaged flag.

Grand Larceny: Parking Lot O—North of White Building
Unknown person took unattended vehicle.

Annoying Phone Calls: Building C, Residential Life
Resident received obscene phone calls.

Driving Under the Influence: Parking Lot E—by UNLV Bookstore
One male subject was arrested for driving under the influence.

Property Found: Cottage Grove Avenue
Report of male subject seen throwing bicycle in dumpster. Bicycle was taken to Police Department.

Grand Larceny: Bike Parking—White Building
Bike locked to rack was taken. No suspects.

Found Property: Cottage Grove Avenue
Employee found license plate in the street. Metro reported as being stolen. Plate is being sent to Department of Motor Vehicles.

Oct. 14, 1994

Information Only: Tonopah Hall, Residential Life
Female student over-dosed on medication. Subject was transported to Sunrise Hospital.

Petty Larceny: Health Sciences Building
Unknown person took wallet from locked room.

Grand Larceny: Bike Parking—James R. Dickinson Library
Unknown persons took locked unattended bicycle from bike rack.

Grand Larceny: Donald C. Moyer Student Union
Theft of cash from wallet from unlocked office by unknown person.

Petty Larceny: Flora Dungan Humanities
Theft of wallet by unknown persons.

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Faculty member left purse in unlocked office and money was taken from purse by unknown subject.

Oct. 15, 1994

Vandalism: Flora Dungan Humanities
Unknown persons tampered with door knob causing damage. Operations and Maintenance Locksmith was notified.

Fire Alarm: William S. Boyd Hall, Residential Life
False fire alarm—fire extinguisher had been set off.

Stereo Thieves Caught

University Police arrested four males Friday, after catching them breaking into student vehicles in Lot 1B, the dirt lot adjacent to Tropicana Avenue.

Three of those arrested were juveniles, and all were members of a local Latino gang. A total of four stereos were recovered from one of the suspect's vehicle, which was impounded by campus police.

Officers Preston Perrenot and Jim Hayley made the arrests after receiving a call from a student, who thought the group looked suspicious. "He is the real hero in this situation," Perrenot said. "We couldn't have done it without him."

Students are encouraged to be aware and alert and report any suspicious or unusual activity to campus police. "It's very difficult for us to do our job without the help of the student body," Perrenot said.

Campus police said this was the first incident of this kind on campus so far this semester. However, it was noted that the closer it gets to Christmas, the more likely additional break-ins will occur.

Oct. 16, 1994

Unregistered Vehicle: University Avenue and Escondido at Village Apartment Complex
Driver refused to yield. License plates were expired and vehicle was towed.

Fraud: Thomas & Mack Center
Subject arrested and taken to Clark County Detention Center for obstructing an officer and resisting arrest.

Grand Larceny: Thomas Beam Engineering Building—North of Lot P
Vehicle was broken into. A lap top computer, a calculator, a book bag and some school supplies were taken. Approximate loss valued at \$2,175.

Grand Larceny: James R. Dickinson Library
Bike was taken from behind the library.

Wanted Person: Thomas & Mack Center
Subject was wanted by Metro. Subject was arrested and taken to Clark County Detention Center.

Fraud: Thomas & Mack Center
Subject was arrested for doing business without a license and trespassing.

Burglary: Roger J. Miller Soccer Building
A vehicle was broken into. A CD/AM/FM stereo was taken. Damage was done to the dashboard, wiring, and left wing window.

Oct. 17, 1994

Rape: Tonopah Hall, Residential Life
Female subject was attacked at an unknown location on campus.

Grand Larceny: Claude I. Howard Public Safety
Patrol noticed two police impounded bicycles missing from the Police Impound Lot.

Burglary: Frank & Estella Beam Hall
Theft by unknown persons of a safe with cash within.

Vandalism: Wright Plaza
Unknown persons wrote graffiti on wall in garden area.

Burglary: Marjorie M. Barrick Museum of Natural History
Computer printer and keyboard missing from office.

Deadly Weapon: Resident Parking Lot X
A student was arrested for possessing an unregistered concealed handgun on State property.

Oct. 18, 1994

Petty Larceny: Parking Lot R—by Track Field at Cottage Grove
Both license plates stolen from victims vehicle.

Traffic Accident: Parking Lot A—North Side of Judy Bayley Theatre
No injuries were reported.

Nevada Awarded Funding for Science and Technology Office

UNLV efforts a key to National Science Foundation Grant

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The National Science Foundation will assist the state of Nevada in establishing and operating a new Office of Science, Engineering and Technology.

The NSF award of \$155,000, announced by UNLV last week, will support the first two years of operations.

David N. McNelis, author of the grant application and research vice president at UNLV, is pleased that efforts over the past several years are finally yielding results.

"We are one of the last six to eight states to have such a position," he said. "This is a very important job in terms of the state's competitiveness."

McNelis said the director will work in Carson City, reporting directly to the governor, and will act as a "broker" for technical information. "We want to tap people within the state or elsewhere who can provide counsel

and the expert advice that the governor needs," he said.

Underscoring the importance of both federal research dollars and the convergence of government, private and academic interests, McNelis said, "The individual should be looking for federal or private sector opportunities which the state of Nevada should become involved in...including major programs coming out of congress."

"This person should also develop partnerships and consortia to bring government and the private sector together to generate a competitive proposal," he added.

After several years of scouting volunteers to fill the director's position, McNelis finally saw an opportunity to include a request for funding OSET in a larger \$1.5 million NSF grant for the Experimental Program for the Stimulation of Competitive Research.

EPSCOR is an NSF program targeted at the 20 or so states which generally receive the proportionately lowest amount of federal research funding. One of its aims is to direct additional funding to these states.

NSF requires that the federal grant be matched with an equal amount from state funds or the private sector.

Roughly half of the matching funds are already in hand. Dr. John Kleppe, a UNR engineering professor, and Nevada First Lady Sandy Miller convinced Jerome Lemelson, an Incline Village, Nev. resident and prominent U.S. inventor, to donate \$100,000 over two years toward the creation of the office.

Another \$25,000 per year will come in the form of "in-kind" state funds for office space and support services.

McNelis acknowledged that the 1997 Legislature will be faced with funding the position solely out of state funds, but is confident that the office "will pay for itself...and demonstrate to Nevada that it's worth every cent we've paid for it."

A nationwide search for the \$75,000 per-year director will begin with announcements and solicitations for applications in *Science*, the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, and Las Vegas and Reno newspapers.

A search committee, consisting of members of the Nevada Industry, Science, Engineering, and Technology Inc., the Nevada Commission on Economic Development, and the NSF hope to complete the search in January 1995.

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to commit additional crimes.

Much of the crime problems center around drugs, Keller believes, and wants to attack these crimes, not only at the street level, but at higher levels as well.

Keller's prime goal is to rid the streets of drugs. One way he wants to do this is by using undercover officers to conduct "immediate-buy busts."

"People who rob 7-Eleven stores and terrorize our community don't buy drugs by the pound, they buy it by the rock," remarked Keller.

The police deputy chief said he would restructure the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department to better meet the needs of the community and to put more officers on the street.

"We have a \$135 million budget," Keller said. "And we have eight layers of bureaucracy. The

Catholic Church has six, and they're worldwide. So I'm going to take out a layer of bureaucracy."

In doing this, Keller will remove the position of assistant sheriff. Keller said this type of downsizing will free up \$500,000, which could be used for other things, including putting 13 more officers on the streets.

He also hopes to gain revenue for the department by selling 25 of the 105 staff cars available to Metro, adding that his will be the first to go.

"Nobody else can complain that they don't have a take-home car if I don't have one," Keller said. "And we're going to put that \$500,000 on the front-end operational side of the (LVMPD)."

Keller collected \$254,000 in campaign funds during the primary election, spending \$253,000. He said his budget for the general election is \$442,000.

While opponent Ralph Lamb has accepted the endorsement of

Las Vegas police Capt. Randy Oaks, who was defeated in the primary election, Keller said he will seek no endorsements.

"This is a one-man race," Keller said. "I have the endorsement of every police-officers' organization in Southern Nevada."

An officer in Las Vegas for 25 years, Keller said that, while he didn't seek any endorsements, he is honored to be recognized by his fellow officers.

"I've spent the last year-and-a-half in this community listening to every voice that I could find; Ralph hasn't done that," Keller said. "I've met with tens-of-thousands of people to hear their concerns, their fears and their ideas."

Oaks' endorsement of Lamb came as a surprise to Keller, because Oaks had said his style of law enforcement was so different than Lamb's. Keller said he didn't think that Oaks' endorsement of Lamb would hurt him.

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