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Chief's Note

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Students Step Up to the Plate to Thwart Burglar

Submitted by Chantal Thomas

A group of savvy students was instrumental in preventing a theft of several hundred dollars worth of personal items from a classroom, last week.

On May 4th, a group of students left a classroom in Building 11 to prepare for a Cinco de Mayo performance. When they returned, they found a male subject rifling through their items they had left in the room. After they confronted the individual, he begged them to let him go and to not call Public Safety. He said he would return any items he had stolen.. In fact, he had three cell phones, belonging to the students, on his person. The students called for additional backup, in the form of a nearby male student. That particular student ensured the suspect didn't leave the classroom until the arrival of Public Safety officers.

Officers placed the suspect under arrest and escorted him to the Public Safety Department.

It was determined, at that location, that he had been charged with a previous theft on campus. During the previous incident, he had provided officers with a false name, date of birth and address.

Custody of the subject was transferred to the Lane County Sheriff's Office and

subsequently transported to the Lane County Jail, where he was booked in and lodged for multiple charges.

The Public Safety Department would like to extend its thanks and appreciation to the quick-thinking, fast-acting students who not only prevented the successful completion of a felony, but ensured the responsible party was caught by law enforcement. Kudos!



Hot Dogs!

According to Lane County Animal Services, even 10 minutes could be too long for a dog to be left in a vehicle on a hot day, with the temperature *inside* the vehicle potentially reaching 160°. Within minutes, a dog can suffer heat stroke, sustain permanent brain injury or *die*.

Negligent pet owners can be cited by Public Safety Officers and/or Lane County Animal Regulation.

Public Safety Officers have already responded to several complaints of dogs left in vehicles on warm days. In one case, an animal nearly went into shock after being left in a car for only a short period of time.

Officers You Should Know



Officer Chantal Thomas

Officer Thomas began her career with the Public Safety Department at Lane Community College in 2001, as a part time officer. In November of the same year, she was hired full time, then promoted to Public Safety Officer 2 in 2007.

During her time with Lane DPS, Officer Thomas has been responsible for training new officers, coordinating on-going training for the department and ensuring 24 hour scheduling for all officers. She is also responsible for training and supervising Federal Work Study and Cooperative Education students working in the Public Safety Department. In addition, Officer Thomas is Editor in Chief for the Safer Campus Newsletter.

Officer Thomas began her career initially as an explorer with the Lane County Sheriff's Office at age 15, then with the Junction City Police Department in 1981. She

then worked up through the ranks with Junction City PD as a Community Services Officer, Communications Officer, Reserve Police Officer, full time Police Officer, Corrections Officer, Corporal and finally as a sergeant.

During her law enforcement career, Officer Thomas worked a variety of assignments, including explorer and reserve coordinator, training coordinator, and as a detective specializing in death investigations. In addition, she served on Lane County's Major Crime Team, assisting in the investigations of kidnappings, major assaults, rapes and homicides.

Officer Thomas earned numerous awards with Junction City Police, including multiple marksmanship awards, the Chief's Award (twice) for Outstanding Service, an award for Survival and a Lifesaving Award.

In her spare time, Officer Thomas enjoys exploring the world, SCUBA diving, gold prospecting and spending time with her Border Collie, Katie. She is an accomplished photographer, specializing in nature, travel and underwater subjects. She has had her work published in calendars, newspapers and magazines.

Facts About MRSA

Submitted by Kathleen "Mona" Arbuckle, FNP
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We all have staph and strep bacteria growing on our skin all the time. MRSA is a kind of staph that is resistant to some medications. Bacteria are generally only a problem if it gets into an open wound. It is estimated that 10% of ALL people are colonized with MRSA-type staph. We don't know who carries it unless they develop an infection and have it cultured. Anyone with an infected wound (from whatever source) should cover it and keep any discharge away from other people.

MRSA is spread by direct contact with infected secretions such as pus from an abscess. It requires a break in the skin barrier to set up an infection. MRSA can be treated with antibiotics, but, like other bacteria, may still colonize the skin or nose. There is no definite way to permanently get rid of the bacteria completely or permanently.

Wounds that are swollen, red or weeping should be checked for infection. Besides obvious wounds like cuts or scrape, bacteria can enter the tissue through any break in the skin, so people with dry, cracked skin are also at risk. Since it is most often their own staph that causes the infection, keeping a wound clean is the best way to prevent infection in it. Anyone with an open wound who is handling dirty or potentially infectious material (body fluids), should keep wounds covered with a non-permeable dressing or gloves, to prevent infection in themselves.

To prevent MRSA infections:

Wash your hands frequently. People with dry, cracking-skin should use moisturizing creams.

You may use alcohol-containing gels.

If you get a cut, wash it with soap and water and cover it to keep it clean. See your health care provider the area is red, warm, swollen or seems to have pus in it.



Useful references:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mrsa/groups/advice-for-school-officials.html>

<http://www.lanec.edu/healthclinic/drisin/drisinNov07.html>

Crime on Campus

***Select Cases on Campus
April, 2011**



**Have a crime tip?
Please call us with
your information at
(541) 463-5558**

April 1	Theft of personal items, Cafeteria	April 14	Disorderly Conduct, DTC
April 4	Towed vehicle, Lot N	April 15	Theft of bicycle, Bus Loop
	Theft of wallet, Bookstore	April 18	Suspicious conditions, Building 11
	Theft of books, Bookstore	April 19	Disorderly Conduct, DTC
	Harassment, Lot B	April 20	Warrant arrest
	Harassment, Downtown Center (DTC)	April 22	Possession controlled substance, Lot N
	Trespassing, Lot B	April 25	Harassment, DTC
April 5	Possession marijuana, Lot M		Menacing, DTC
	Harassment, Cafeteria	April 26	Suspicious conditions, Lot B
April 6	Theft of wallet, Building 11		Suspicious conditions, DTC
April 11	Harassment, Lot B	April 27	Violation restraining order, Lot L
April 13	Graffiti, Building 19		Disorderly Conduct, Center Building
	Hit and Run, Lot L		
	Graffiti, Building 19 (separate from above)		

Crime Tip of the Month

Theft Prevention in the Classroom:

- Instructors should keep doors locked when classroom left unattended
- Personal items, such as laptops, cellphones and iPods, should be kept with the owner, secured in a locker or left at home. They should never be stored outside the owner's sight, even for a few minutes.
- Mark or engrave your name on your valuables. This makes them less attractive targets for would-be thieves..

If you see suspicious persons in or around a classroom, or persons who don't belong there, contact Public Safety immediately at (541) 463-5555 (extension 5555). Be prepared to provide the call taker with the location of the subject, a physical and clothing description and direction of travel.

With a Grain of Salt

The Limo

The Pope was getting into his limo one night when he turned to the limo driver and said, "Before I die, I would love to drive this beautiful limo just once."

"Well, here," the limo driver says, "Take the wheel, Your Holiness!"

Further down the road, the limo is stopped by a policeman who looks in the window, goes back to his squad car, calls dispatch and says, "I just pulled over someone real important and I don't know what to do."

"Well, who is it?" his dispatcher says, "The mayor? The governor? The president?"

"I don't know," the officer responds, "but the Pope's his chauffer!"

Remembering a Fallen Hero

Honoring Memorial Day and National Police Week, I have included a few photographs from Eugene Police Officer Chris Kilcullen's motorcade. Officer Kilcullen was shot and killed in the line of duty on April 29th during a traffic stop. Officers from Public Safety attended the motorcade and memorial ceremonies.



Photos by Chantal Thomas

Link to Newsletter: Lanecc.edu/psd/newsletter.html

Your feedback is valuable to us! If you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to email me at thomasc@lanecc.edu

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