

Crime Alert

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The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act is a federal law that requires colleges and universities across the United States to disclose information about crime on and around their campuses. A requirement of this law is timely notification to the campus community of certain crimes in a manner that will aid in the prevention of similar crimes.

On 12/15/16 at approximately 6:40 p.m. the University Police Department received a report from a WTAMU student indicating her 2009 Chevrolet passenger car which she had parked in the parking lot (Zone 13) west of the Virgil Henson Activities Center at approximately 5:50 p.m. was missing. After further investigation, it was determined a suspect had taken her vehicle key and fob from the location she had left her keys while working out. The suspect was identified and the vehicle was recovered.

At approximately 10:30 p.m., Martin Dempster, a WT student and resident of Jarrett Hall, was arrested and booked into the Randall County Jail for Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, a State Jail Felony.

The victim's vehicle was returned to her. It is not believed Mr. Dempster knew the victim but only took advantage of the access to her keys.

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- *Secure personal property when it is not in your possession*
 - *Property crime is often a crime of opportunity*

WTAMU and the University Police strongly encourage everyone to use good judgment and be an active player in your own safety. Review the following prevention strategies related to theft of personal property:

- *Register the property you bring to campus online at www.wtamu.edu/lockout*
- ***Operation Lockout Theft***
- *Place your personal property out of sight in your vehicle*
- *Lock your vehicle and park in lighted areas*
- *Lock your resident hall room at all times*

The most common articles stolen on campus include; cash, laptops, cell phones, mp3 devices and video gaming equipment.