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To the Purdue community:

As you have heard and seen recently, we have had individuals who have preyed on our community by committing thefts from campus offices, residences and common areas. The Purdue University Police Department would like your help in protecting your belongings and those around you.

There are several things you can do. When there’s a propped-open door, please unprop it. A thief with a target in mind needs only minutes to accomplish the task. Please lock up your valuables and don’t leave them unattended. When someone unknown steps into your office, interact with them so their presence has been noted. If you’re uncomfortable in doing so, please call us. Let’s take opportunity out of their equation.

Please report all suspicious activity, and if you see something that draws your suspicion, say something. Use your instincts, and call us. It’s never a bother to us, and the information you offer may be the final piece to our puzzle.

We at the Purdue Police Department thank you for playing an integral part in helping us in our mission and watching out for yourselves and your co-workers.

John Cox
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