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Man injured after falling from apartment balcony

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. - A Purdue University student was taken by ambulance to St. Elizabeth Hospital on Tuesday (Aug. 19) after apparently falling nearly 23 feet from a third-floor balcony onto a paved parking lot.

Joseph M. Miller, 19, a sophomore in the College of Engineering from Portage, Ind., was initially listed in serious condition.

Purdue police received a report at 6:25 a.m. that a man outside the Cochran Apartments, 621 Waldron St., had deep cuts to his head and was bleeding. Officers arrived and were able to talk to Miller, who was visiting a friend at the complex when the incident occurred.

"Our investigators talked with some people who said they saw him sitting on the third-floor balcony at about 2:30 a.m.," Purdue police Lt. Fred Davis said. "The second-level balcony had scuff marks on it, so it appears he fell from the third floor and hit the second-floor balcony before reaching the ground."

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