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Police arrest 2 in connection with rec sports center thefts

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. - Purdue police arrested two students Monday (Nov. 9) in connection with the theft of items from a men's locker room at the university's Recreational Sports Center.

Benjamin J. Pendrick, 18, a freshman in the College of Liberal Arts from Fort Wayne, Ind., was preliminarily charged with theft. Adam B. Rosenbaum, 18, a freshman in the College of Science also from Fort Wayne, faces preliminary charges of receiving stolen property and conspiracy to commit theft.

According to a report, police had been investigating a series of thefts from lockers for about three weeks. Detective Sgt. Matthew Wietbrock said some of the thefts occurred from unsecured lockers, while locks had been broken on others.

Police were able to recover two calculators and two MP3 Players that they believe were associated with the thefts.

All of the charges are Class D felonies, each punishable by up to three years in prison and a maximum fine of \$10,000.

Wietbrock said the thefts serve as a reminder for people to buy strong locks and use them consistently.

Anyone with information on other thefts or wanting to report suspicious activity at the Recreational Sports Center is asked to call the Purdue Police Department at 765-494-8221 or its anonymous tipline at 765-496-3784. The WeTip anonymous hotline also is available at 1-800-78CRIME (1-800-782-7463).

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