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## Purdue police arrest woman on burglary, fraud charges

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — [Purdue police](#) around 11 a.m. Tuesday (Nov. 14) arrested a woman following the theft of identification cards and a number of items from students living in Earhart and Vawter residence halls.



Carol A. Cutler, 21, homeless, faces preliminary charges of burglary, theft and trespassing, said police Capt. John Cox. She was taken to the Tippecanoe County Jail where she was being held in lieu of a \$10,000 bond. Cutler is not a Purdue student.

[Carol A. Cutler](#)

According to police reports, officers were called to the Purdue Memorial Union where Cutler was attending a clothing sale, despite having been barred from being on university property since Nov. 9.

After police took Cutler into custody for trespassing, they searched her backpack and purse and found a number of items that had been stolen, Cox said. The recovered items included personal digital audio players, gift cards, identification cards, clothes and toiletries worth more than \$200. Cox said all of the items were believed to have been stolen during the past week.

"Because of the quick action taken by employees of the Purdue University Police Department on the case and the help of the student victims, officers were able to quickly make an arrest in connection with these thefts," Cox said. "We encourage all students to keep a close watch on their belongings and to lock their residence hall doors if they leave the room. If anyone sees an unknown or suspicious person wandering in the residence halls, they should contact a resident assistant or the police department."

Burglary is a Class C felony punishable by up to eight years in jail and a maximum fine of \$10,000, theft is a Class D felony punishable by up to three years in jail and a maximum fine of \$10,000, and trespassing is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in prison and

a maximum fine of \$5,000.

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