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Purdue police arrest man for thefts at Recreational Sports Center

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. - Purdue University police arrested a West Lafayette man Wednesday (July 23) in connection with a pair of thefts that occurred within the last week at the Recreational Sports Center.

Phillip A. Grady, 21, of 2120 McCormick Road, faces charges of forgery and fraud, both Class C felonies, and possession of stolen property, a Class D felony.

According to police, Grady, who is not a Purdue student, was caught on the Recreational Sports Center's video camera using a woman's student identification card to gain access to the building. Police observed him in the area Wednesday and approached him to ask about the thefts.

"That's when they were able to determine that he had stolen identification cards on him," detective Sgt. Carrie Costello said.

Grady confessed to the thefts and allowed police to search his vehicle and apartment, Costello said. They found boxing equipment, a cell phone and cell phone case, two wallets, a black duffel bag, swimming goggles and a black mesh case that were reportedly stolen from the center on Friday (July 18) and Sunday (July 20).

Costello said many of the items were taken from unlocked lockers.

"If people have had things stolen, please report them," Costello said. "We also encourage everyone to lock up their belongings."

A Class C felony is punishable by up to eight years in prison and a maximum fine of \$10,000. Class D felonies are punishable by a maximum of three years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine.

Grady's bond has been set at \$10,000.

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