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Purdue police arrest man for attempted theft at Underground Café

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. - Purdue University police arrested a man early Thursday (July 31) in connection with an attempted theft at the Underground Café in the Hicks Undergraduate Library.

Stephen K. Gray, 20, of Gary, Ind., was charged with attempted burglary and attempted theft. According to a police report, at around 6 a.m. employees in the library saw Gray reaching through the pull-down gate at the café's entrance in an attempt to steal items. A building services supervisor then called the police.

"Our officers took Gray into custody, and he told investigators that he had previously entered the café and had taken food and drink items," said Purdue police Lt. Fred Davis.

Gray's arrest comes just over a month after three men were charged after an alleged burglary at the Underground Café on June 29.

"Gray's arrest was the result of the employees being aware of their surroundings and being observant," Davis said. "We want to thank the employees for promptly reporting the incident."

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

Gray is being held in Tippecanoe County Jail on \$10,000 bond.

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