

CAMPUS SECURITY

Police investigate car break-in spree

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USC Police have opened an investigation after thieves broke into six cars parked on Whaley Street last week and stole CD players and CDs.

Law Enforcement Director Ernie Ellis said police have identified no suspects yet.

Brett Sterbini, first-year liberal arts student, said someone broke his driver's and back passenger windows while his truck was parked in the Bates Lot last Thursday. The thieves stole about 500 CDs and a Pioneer CD player.

"I could not remember where I parked my car, but when I saw the trunk open, I knew it was my car," Sterbini said. "I guess they thought I had speakers in my trunk." Sterbini said his CD player was expensive.

"My car must have been visually appealing to whoever victimized it," he said. However, Sterbini said he didn't believe the subjects were experienced thieves because of the way his windows were broken and CD player was removed. His CD player was professionally installed, but the criminals ripped the stereo from the console, taking dashboard vents with it.

Seante Hatcher, a second-year master's in social work student, and Tamara Brown, a second-year nursing student, both parked in the Cliff Apartments lot. Someone smashed Hatcher's rear passenger window and stole her JVC CD player.

"Nothing else was touched,"



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Thieves broke into six cars parked on Whaley Street last week, stealing CD players and CDs. USC Police officials said they have not identified any suspects yet, but are investigating the incident. Seante Hatcher, a second-year social work student, said "My CD player was acting up, so they did not get a good one."

Hatcher said. "They were focused, because by the time they got to my car, they had it down pat." Hatcher had 200 CDs in her car, but she decided to take them inside with her that night.

"They are staying in the

house," she said. There was a personal check lying on her seat, but the thieves left it untouched. Hatcher said the criminals didn't make off with much from her car.

"My CD player was acting up,

so they did not get a good one," Hatcher said. The thieves stole a JVC CD player and 12 CDs from Brown's car.

"They crashed through my window, unlocked my door and moved my seat back," said

Brown, who settled for the parking space after driving around campus for about 30 minutes.

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activity fee money, as well as profit from the sale of carpet in dorm rooms.

This money is available for the Senate to allot at its discretion, and there is the possibility that CTV could petition the senate for these funds, or that a senator could propose funding CTV out of these funds.

Pennett protested, pointing to the fact that CTV had fulfilled the specific obligations RHA set before them, but that they were "a struggling organization scraping the bottom of the barrel."

Pennett also said he was "very disappointed in the Senate this year," and he questioned what he saw as "a very influential Executive Board" in guiding the senate's decision to pass the amendment last week which eliminated affiliate's voting and speaking privileges "without debate."

Sen. Mya Patel, from Bates West, said she thought RHA was trying to encourage affiliates to join the RHA senate. "Now we've taken away their speaking and voting rights," Patel said. "I don't see why we can't give CTV some money."

The budget RHA senators approved did include \$4,000 for the Carolina Student Judicial Council to train their members.

"It is in everyone's interest that CSJC be well trained, because they could have to be the jury of your peers if you ever get into trouble," McCabe said.

Community Services received \$2,000 to fund their programs as McCabe praised the organization for the 600 pounds of canned goods the group collected last year.

The Publicity Committee was allotted \$2,500 for use in creating brochures and for the students, and the Programming Committee was budgeted \$8,000 as "a spring board to start up their programs, which can be very expensive," McCabe said.

A full record of legislation and the voting record of each senator in RHA is available on RHA's Web site, www.housing.sc.edu/rha.

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