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Junior Quintin Treadway trains in preparation for an upcoming ROTC Ranger Challenge Thursday afternoon at the Ed Weir Track. The Ranger Challenge matches university ROTC teams against one another in competitive events.

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A stolen quarter could end up costing a Lincoln man as much as \$11,000. Sgt. Bill Manning of the UNL po-

lice, said a man was arrested for theft and resisting arrest in an alleged car robbery Sunday night that yielded him just 25 cents.

Manning gave this account of the

UNL Police Officer Rob Soflin, who was assigned to the midnight shift, was driving by Farner Bocken Company, 1935 Q St., and noticed movement near some of the company vans parked on the lot. A dome light was on in one van, he said.

Soflin saw a person holding a green duffel bag standing next to a van. When the person saw the officer, the

Soflin chased the man and caught him a block and a half east of the company. He noticed the man no longer was carrying the duffel bag. Soflin called in officers to help search for the bag, which was full of the man's clothes. The man waited in the cruiser during the search and told the officer with him of his abandoned booty: a

"He's the kind of guy you can't get him to shut up," Manning said. "As soon as they got him he wanted to confess to everything in the world."

The man led the officer to the patch of ground where he threw the quarter, Manning said.

"It wasn't a real lucrative venture," he said.

The officer arrested the man not because he stole the quarter, Manning said, but because he was checking vehicles for money or anything of value he could find.

"If somebody called me up and told me someone took a quarter of theirs, I'd say, 'Jesus, I'll give you the stinking quarter. Don't call me up and bother me with that." Manning said all calls were taken seriously, but the department must give priority to the most urgent calls.

This incident is something an officer came on to, and the only reason more wasn't taken was because the person was caught in the act," Man-

If the man pleads guilty to the two criminal charges at his Sept. 8 hear-ing, Manning said he could receive a hefty punishment.

The maximum penalty for resisting arrest is five years in prison or a \$10,000 fine or both. The maximum penalty for theft is six months in jail or a \$1,000 fine or both.

Five and a half years in prison and an \$11,000 fine for taking a quarter," Manning said. "It's kind of embarrassing.

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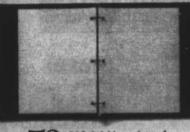
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