

## Law & Order

### Man runs himself over

A Lincoln man ran himself over Tuesday while he was trying to jump start another car.

Brian Hartshorn, 19, drove his 1982 Chevrolet Blazer into position, nose-to-nose, with another car on the AAA-1 Havelock Auto and Truck Sales lot, Lincoln Police Sgt. Ann Heermann said.

He could not shift his Blazer into park, so he put it into neutral and crawled underneath to try to manipulate the lever on top of the transmission by hand, police said. But he slipped the lever into reverse, and the Blazer ran over his back.

The Blazer continued west across an alley before colliding with the Havelock Flower store, 6013 Havelock Ave., and causing \$1,500 damage.

### Man beaten in apartment

Two men beat and robbed another man in his apartment when he refused to give a woman more money Tuesday evening.

The 31-year-old victim told police that a woman he knows came to his apartment on the 1300 block of E Street asking for money for her sick sister, Heermann said.

He gave her \$40, but half an hour later she was back asking for more money.

When the man refused, two other men entered the apartment and attacked him.

One man punched and kicked him while the other man pinned him down. The woman grabbed his wallet, and they left.

As they drove away in a dark vehicle, the victim threw a brick at their windshield, causing some damage, police said.

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## Residence hall students warned of holiday theft

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The holiday shopping season is in full swing, and thieves are ready to start shopping in residence halls and parking lots.

As students prepare to leave campus during the winter break, they should take precautions to prevent theft, University Police Sgt. Mylo Bushing said.

"University students are not the only ones who know semester ends," Bushing said. "The thieves know it's almost shopping time."

Theft is the most common crime on UNL's campuses with 574 reported thefts in 1997 and 589 in 1996. There is usually an increase in theft when students are leaving for a vacation, Bushing said.

And while students are gone, the chances of theft increase in the residence halls as well.

During Thanksgiving break, two rooms in Abel Hall were broken into, and two computers were taken.

The residence halls are patrolled during the vacation, but with no one living there, there is greater opportunity for crime, Bushing said.

By taking a few simple precautions, students can make it harder for thieves.

A prime time for thefts is when students are loading their cars for vacation, Bushing said.

Students should make sure their room doors and car doors are locked while they are making trips to and from their rooms.

"People tend to get careless during those trips to the car," Bushing said, "and the thieves are watching."

Also, students should not load their cars the night before they leave. A fully loaded car in a dark parking lot is a prime target for theft.

Those students with valuables in their rooms such as jewelry, a computer or other electronics should consider taking that property with them, Bushing said.

Anything students can do to make

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their property less conspicuous to thieves will help. Simply putting valuables in a drawer or tucked away in a closet makes them less likely to be taken.

If students have to leave valuables in their room, they should make sure to record serial numbers and mark the item as theirs, Bushing said.

Also, before bringing any new valuables back to campus after the holidays, such as Christmas gifts, students should take care to record the new serial numbers so the property can be claimed if it happens to be stolen.



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