

# Law & Order

## Police say driver of Viper lost control of vehicle

A man lost control of a 1999 Dodge Viper early Monday morning, hit two parked cars, rolled the Viper and fled the scene, police said.

Gregory Sanford, 31, turned himself into police Monday, officer Katherine Finnell said. Sanford told police he suffered cuts and bruises in the accident. He was cited for reckless driving and leaving the scene of an accident.

The accident caused an estimated \$80,000 damage to the Viper, which still had license plates from the Woodhouse Ford/Chrysler dealership in Blair and caught fire after the crash.

Sanford lost control while heading south on Bel Ridge Drive near North 17th Street, Finnell said.

The car struck a 1994 Ford Probe parked on Bel Ridge Drive, pushing the Probe over a curb and into a nearby lawn, Finnell said.

The hit caused the Viper to swing sideways, then roll downhill, hitting a 1987 Nissan Sentra parked nearby, Finnell said.

The wrecks caused \$5,000 damage to the Probe and \$100 damage to the Sentra.

Bob Woodhouse, owner of Woodhouse Ford/Chrysler, said the \$80,000 estimated damage to the Viper was probably an inaccurate figure.

"It's hard to get that kind of damage even with an expensive car with expensive damage," Woodhouse said.

## Police say man stole \$3,000 from restaurant

A man shook a restaurant's cash register until the cash drawer broke loose Sunday, then left the restaurant with an estimated \$3,000 in cash, Finnell said.

Finnell said two women, who could be involved in the theft, entered

the Village Inn at 500 Van Dorn St. and told the manager at the restaurant's front counter that water was leaking in the women's restroom.

The manager left the counter, and then a man came into the restaurant and shook the cash register's drawer loose, Finnell said.

The man then left in a red Ford Escort. The owner of the car later called police, reporting that the car was stolen but that she'd recovered it, Finnell said.

The Escort's owner told police she'd left the car running in the parking lot of Mum's Liquor, 841 N. 27th St., where it was stolen, Finnell said.

The car's owner then told police she found the car at 23rd and Potter streets with the keys still in it and drove the car to 17th and Washington streets, where she reported the theft, police said.

## Man jailed on suspicion of assault, attempted escape

A man taken to a hospital after driving his car into a ditch Saturday was arrested after he punched a security guard and a sheriff's deputy in the hospital's emergency room, Chief Deputy Bill Jarrett said.

Corey Thorell, 36, drove his car into a ditch near the intersection of 98th Street and Pioneers Boulevard at about 11:14 p.m., suffering neck injuries in the crash, Jarrett said.

Thorell showed signs of being drunk when deputies arrived at the scene of the accident, Jarrett said.

Thorell told deputies he had swerved to avoid a deer and ran into a ditch, Jarrett said.

Paramedics took the man to BryanLGH East where, during an interview with police, Thorell tore a neck brace off and threw it across the emergency room, then tried to leave the room, Jarrett said.

A deputy trying to bar Thorell's exit was thrown into the door, suffering a head injury, Jarrett said.

Emergency room personnel and security guards then arrived and tried to stop Thorell, who allegedly punched a security guard three times in the head before leaving the room, Jarrett said.

The security guard suffered a

bloody nose and a large contusion to his forehead, Jarrett said.

Another deputy encountered Thorell as he was leaving the hospital, Jarrett said. He said the deputy knocked Thorell to the ground and, with the help of two other deputies and several emergency room staffers, handcuffed and arrested him.

Deputies jailed Thorell on suspicion of assault on an officer, attempted escape, third-degree assault, driving while intoxicated, driving without a license and driving without insurance.

## Four UNL students receive alcohol-related citations

University police cited five people with minor in possession of alcohol last weekend, four of whom were students, Sgt. Mylo Bushing said.

On Friday, two were cited in the Delta Upsilon Fraternity, while another non-student was cited while carrying a case of beer near Abel Residence Hall, Bushing said.

Two more students were cited after a university police officer found them drinking in Memorial Stadium during Saturday's game, Bushing said.

University police also took an Omaha woman to Cornhusker Place Detox during the game after officers found her visibly drunk, Bushing said. Her blood alcohol content was later tested at .131, Bushing said.

University police also responded to reports of criminal mischief Saturday, Bushing said.

Two Omaha men trying to break into the Schulte Field House at about 12:04 a.m. Sunday fled from an Athletic Department employee but were later arrested by university police at 1:30 a.m., Bushing said.

A community service officer in Selleck Residence Hall at about 1:45 a.m. found a trail of blood leading away from a broken fire extinguisher cabinet, Bushing said.

The officer followed the trail but was unable to find the person responsible. Hospitals were notified to look for people with bleeding hand injuries, Bushing said.

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ASUN

# Involvement group focuses on freshmen

By VERONICA DAEHN  
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New students looking for a way to get involved on campus should stop by the back dining room in Selleck Quadrangle at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays.

That is where members of the Student Impact Team meet.

The Student Impact Team is a group made up mostly of University of Nebraska-Lincoln freshmen and is designed to get new students involved on campus.

"It's a good way to get your foot in the door and get started in ASUN," said Katie Kalinowski, SIT vice chairwoman.

SIT is a branch of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

Although the organization is geared toward freshmen, SIT chairwoman Kate Toalson said, any UNL student is welcome.

Applications are available in the ASUN office, 115 Nebraska Union, but don't need to be filled out before coming to a meeting.

Kalinowski said there are about 75 students on SIT this year.

None of those 75 are returning members from last year, though, Toalson said, which is typical of the Student Impact Team.

"It's a great way for freshmen to meet new people and see leaders on campus," Toalson said.

SIT members are divided into three committees, and each committee has its own action plan for the year.

Members of the service learning committee are working with an ASUN senator to make care baskets for Daywatch, a homeless shelter at 1911 R. St.

They are gathering various neces-

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sary items, such as shampoo from local companies, Kalinowski said.

The social committee just finished planning a Halloween dance for SIT members and any other students interested in joining the organization.

Kalinowski said it will be held Oct. 26 at the 7 p.m. meeting.

The campus issues committee deals largely with issues that affect new students.

So far this year the committee has helped ASUN members with a voter registration drive and also helped distribute fliers for the New Student Forum that ASUN held last week.

They are now looking into making a time capsule, Toalson said.

Kalinowski said SIT provides new students with an opportunity that other organizations don't.

"They're in charge of their committee," she said. "In most other organizations, new students can't hold an office."

Kalinowski and Toalson serve only as guides for the Student Impact Team members.

"The important thing is that the committees are always doing something," Toalson said. "We gave them a focus for their first major project and now if they get stuck, we'll help them."

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