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McKale thief formally indicted

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The associate director of Parking and Transportation Services, his son, a former McKale Center employee, and the rest of his immediate family were indicted on charges of burglary after police found computers, sporting equipment and autographed UA memorabilia in their home last year, officials said.

Clint A. Thomson, 20, was arrested Oct. 29 for burglary, and police connected him with missing items from McKale Center, 1741 E. Enke Drive, over the span of a year, reports stated.

The owner of a computer repair shop contacted the University of Arizona Police Department to report a suspicious person named Clint Thomson who dropped off a computer, reports stated.

The owner told police Thomson said he purchased five computers on the Internet for \$1,000 each in cash but did not have a receipt, reports stated.

The owner knew the computer was retailed at \$2,000 so he contacted police, reports stated.

Police found the serial numbers

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Bush to speak at TCC

By J. Ferguson
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President George W. Bush will bring his vision for the future of Social Security to a select few this morning.

Bush will address a small audience at the Tucson Convention Center's main ballroom, which holds 1,400 people. Tickets to the event were distributed through local congressional offices and private invitations.

Tickets are no longer available for the event, as most were snatched up immediately after his visit was announced.

The president is expected to tout the virtues of his proposed plan to allow workers under 55 years old to invest a portion of their payroll taxes in private accounts.

The visit to Tucson is part of Bush's "60 cities in 60 days" tour to discuss Social Security with the nation.

Sen. John Kyl, R-Arizona, Sen. John McCain, R-Arizona, and Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Arizona, are expected to attend the event.

This is Bush's first visit to Tucson since he toured the fire damage to Mount Lemmon in August 2003.

CATS SLAM INTO CHICAGO



PHOTOS BY KEVIN B. KLAUS/Arizona Daily Wildcat
ABOVE: Junior forward Hassan Adams throws down a left-handed dunk during the second half of Arizona's 22-point win over the University of Alabama at Birmingham. BELOW: Adams celebrates in the final minutes of the second half as Arizona solidifies its victory.



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Man charged with area rapes

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A man was charged with 19 counts of sexual assault, kidnapping, robbery, burglary and attempted sexual assault over the span of 11 months after the Tucson Police Department responded to a suspicious activity call Tuesday.

Daniel A. Lopez, 27, was pulled over Tuesday morning on the 800 block of East Waverly Street and police found he had a number of outstanding misdemeanor warrants, a TPD media release stated.

Because of the nature of Lopez's arrest, the Adult Sexual Assault Detail was notified, the release stated.

The Tucson Police Crime Lab matched Lopez's DNA to three sexual assault investigations, two of which happened in the UA area, the release stated.

Other non-biological evidence linked Lopez to an attempted sexual assault incident in February, the release stated.

TPD found in February that three of the sexual assault incidents were committed by the same person but did not have a suspect, the release stated.

Lopez was cited and released on his original charges Tuesday but was located and booked to Pima County Jail Wednesday on the new charges.

Lopez was charged with the following:

Two counts of sexual assault, one count of sexual abuse, kidnapping and burglary reported on Jan. 26, 2004, in the 1300 block of East Lee Street.

One count of sexual assault, one count of kidnapping and one count of burglary reported on May 7 in the 5200 block of South Placita Brisa Grande.

Two counts of sexual assault, one count of aggravated assault, one count of kidnapping and one count of robbery reported on Oct. 31 in the 1300 block of East Mabel Street.

One count of attempted sexual assault, one count of aggravated assault, one count of robbery, one count of burglary and one count of kidnapping reported on Feb. 10 on the 1400 block of East Lester Street.

TPD credits the University of Arizona Police Department and Pima County Sheriff's Office for sharing their information and assisting with investigating leads, the release stated.

Sgt. Eugene Mejia, UAPD spokesman, said although someone has been charged with a string of sexual assaults, it is important for residents around the university to continue locking their doors and being aware of suspicious activity.

"Students should not let their guards down," Mejia said.

Mejia said in cases of repetitive sexual assaults, more victims might come forward and report incidents

Taco Bell boycott ends after three years

By Djamila Noelle Grossman
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A group of people who had been protesting in front of Taco Bell, 1818 E. Speedway Blvd., for the last three years ended their boycott with celebration as the company agreed to raise worker wages of their tomato suppliers by one penny per pound.

The 15 people who gathered at the Taco Bell wrote thank-you cards, congratulated the restaurant manager and purchased meals to demonstrate the end of the boycott.

The boycott was a national campaign by the Coalition of Immokalee Workers and had accumulated about

20 people to protest every Friday night at the restaurant, according to Inez Magdalena Duarte, a Mexican-American studies graduate student.

The group had been protesting since 2002, demanding higher wages for tomato farm workers in Florida, who supply Taco Bell with tomatoes.

Duarte said she had been at the protest at least three times a month since it started and always tried to inform people about the boycott by making posters and selling shirts.

Duarte, a member of Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan, a Chicano student movement, called Taco Bell's decision to increase worker's



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Boycott participant Susan Thorpe purchases a meal at the Taco Bell on East Speedway Boulevard and North Campbell Avenue last week for the first time in more than four years.

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