Thieves pilfer parking meters
Police say meters have low payoff

By Ross Hager

A rash of parking meter thefts has left Parking and Transportation Services officials confused and a little amused.

Since the end of November, six parking meters have been removed and Mike Delahanty, Parking and Transportation Services' operation manager, isn't quite sure why.

"There's not a lot of money in it," Delahanty said. "Once they do it once, they don't do it again."

Sgt. Eugenio Mejía, UAPD spokesperson, agrees that the thieves probably learn their lesson the first time.

"It's a simple method of operation," said Mejía. "Come in, take meters, sell it. It's not cost effective and not easy to access and stop." The reason for the lack of money is that the changes in the meters is collected every other day. Delahanty said the thief is usu...