Police Blotter

(Excerpts from the Police Blotter, written by the Campus Patrol on crimes, incidents and actions at the MIT campus each week.)

A patrol officer recovered a 1968 Pontiac in the Westgate parking lot after determining that it had been stolen from a parking lot in Revere.

Solid construction proved its worth last week when an attempt by an unknown person or persons to break into the New House failed over the Christmas break. Damage was done to the lock and the door jamb, but the attempt to get in failed.

Several calculating systems and an IBM Solonar typewriter were stolen from an isolated building whose occupants often leave a side door unlocked during "off" hours. Though several students were at work in the building at about the time the thefts took place, no one saw anything suspicious.

When a patrolling officer found a Main Complex third floor window open one evening last week, with much valuable equipment left unsecured and in plain view, he left a Crime Prevention notice no. 2221 as a reminder to the occupants to be more careful. The next night someone entered the office and stole their 8565 IBM Solonar typewriter.

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During the vacation period the Patrol has received reports of finding unattended persons in unattended rooms. On one occasion after the subject departed the complainant noticed his wallet and camera missing. The complainant and a friend chased the suspect and caught up with him, but he did not have the items on his person. Shortly after the missing articles were found intact in the vicinity of the stop.

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A 1971 Ford Galaxie, registered last week, was stolen from its resting place in the Magnet Laboratory, where it had apparently been abandoned by thieves.

A calculator valued at $100 was stolen from its resting place in an East Campus Building desk in the waning days of '75. Although the owner locked the drawer which held the calculator, he failed to lock the drawer directly above it. The chief removed the latter, reached in, and grabbed the calculator.

Both have long histories of involvement in narcotics trafficking. The subject's connection with the police is also of interest. (The subject lives at 8:00pm, 1420 Main Street, Cambridge.)

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