

News Release

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Burglary of a Habitation/ Indecent Assault Arrest

On April 29, UTPD filed burglary of a habitation and indecent assault charges against former University of Texas at Austin student Rolando Benavides DOB: 12/20/99.

On April 13, UTPD received an anonymous email regarding possible burglaries with sexual deviant behavior at Jester Residence Hall. UTPD identified the suspect within hours of receiving the information as UT student Rolando Benavides, a resident of Jester Residence Hall. UTPD immediately informed and coordinated with University partners and the Travis County District Attorney's Office.

Within two hours of identifying Benavides as the suspect, UTPD conducted an interview with him. Upon completion of the interview, Benavides left campus that day and has since withdrawn from the university.

The investigation showed Benavides unlawfully gained entry to three unoccupied rooms within Jester Residence Hall. Benavides committed sexual acts with the victims' property and posted photos on a public website. He also stole items.

UTPD initially identified six victims from the dorm room burglaries and indecent assaults.

Upon further investigation, UTPD has identified two more victims from separate incidents.

This remains an active investigation.

It is possible more crimes may have taken place. If a UT community member believes their items were tampered with inside Jester Residence Hall, call UTPD at 512-471-4441, extension 9 or email utpd-imd@austin.utexas.edu.

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