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Cal Poly University Police Investigate Vandalism in Cerro Vista Residence Hall

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly University Police are investigating vandalism and an incident of tampering with a fire suppression system that occurred in University Housing.

On March 8 at 7:10 pm, unknown suspect/s maliciously tampered with the fire suppression sprinkler head on the fourth floor of Morro, Cerro Vista Apartments, causing extensive damage to four apartments. The suspect/s used matches to activate the sprinkler head, setting off the fire alarm system.

The water from the sprinkler head caused flooding in two apartments on the fourth floor and two apartments on the third floor, displacing 16 residents from their homes and causing extensive damage. No injuries were reported during this incident.

The University Police Department requests the assistance of the public in locating the responsible parties. Anyone with additional information about this incident or who knows the possible identity of the suspect is asked to contact the department at 805-756-2281. (For emergencies dial 9-1-1.)

Anonymous tips or information can be sent to calpoly@tipnow.org. Anonymous tips can also be given to Crime Stoppers at 549-STOP (7867) or 1-800-549-STOP (7867), where a tip leading to an arrest may receive a cash reward up to $1,000. Visit http://sanluisobispo county.crimestoppersweb.com/ for additional Crime Stoppers information.

University Police reminds all community members to report suspicious persons and activities and practice good safety habits. Maintain awareness of your surroundings, travel in groups, and be mindful of dangerous situations that have the potential to affect your health and safety.

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