Police Arrest Burglar Who Tampered With Security Cameras

LAKE OSWEGO – On Monday, November 25, 2013, at about 9:24 pm, Brandon W. Kline, born 6/28/1981, was arrested at the Fairfield Inn, 6100 Meadows Road, after burglarizing the building.

Shortly after 3 pm that day, police responded to the Fairfield Inn to talk with the staff about a suspicious set of circumstances that had occurred earlier that day. Reportedly, someone had broken the locking mechanism on an exit door and then turned two of the security cameras so that they were no longer effectively recording anything. The subject was no longer on site, so the officer took a report to document the incident. The hotel fixed the door and the cameras shortly thereafter.

Just before 9 pm that evening, the front desk manager called 911 to report that the suspect he had seen on the earlier security camera footage was back and another one of the cameras had been moved. Officers responded to the area and the officer who had taken the report walked up to the door that had been damaged earlier. As he did so, he looked into the building through the window in the door and he saw a subject that appeared to be the same person he had observed on the surveillance video earlier. The subject saw the officer and fled up some stairs towards the front desk area, so the other responding officers set up a perimeter and began searching the hotel.

Approximately twenty minutes later, the subject came running out of the building, carrying what appeared to be a woman's bag, through the exit door where the original officer was stationed. The subject, Brandon Kline, was then taken into custody without further incident. When he was arrested, Mr. Kline was found to be in possession of multiple different hotel key cards and burglar tools. The bag he had when he exited the building actually belonged to a hotel employee and had personal items inside.

Mr. Kline was lodged at the Clackamas County Jail for Burglary 2, Theft 2, Possession of Burglary Tools, Criminal Mischief 3 and a Probation Detainer Warrant. The investigation is continuing, and police are trying to determine if Mr. Kline could have been responsible for other similar burglaries or thefts in the area.

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