

# Burglaries at Trollinger distress residents

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Four residents of Trollinger, an off-campus apartment complex, returned from winter break to find various items missing from their homes. The robberies occurred between Dec. 14 and Jan. 4.

Items stolen ranged in value from inexpensive sunglasses to flat screen televisions. The items were reported missing on Jan. 4.

Elon University senior Michelle Longo returned to her apartment to find two television sets and various bottles of liquor missing.

"We checked the doors, windows and turned off the lights before we left," Longo said. "I know he entered through the window because the slipcover was out of place."

When senior Gregory Walton returned to his apartment, he noticed that one of the windows was ajar, and the protective screen was removed. Walton said everyone in the apartment had locked the main door before leaving for break.

One resident found the door unlocked and lights on when he returned. The stolen items included gum, sunglasses and two containers of change.

Walton said the situation was first noticed when an Elon police officer was patrolling the area and he saw the open

door and window. He was not informed of the incident until he returned to his apartment.

"Apparently an Elon police officer had noticed the window and door were open when on a patrol and closed them," Walton said. "Neither my roommates nor I were contacted about the incident prior to our return to campus."

The other two residents could not be reached for comment.

Elon police officers will close doors or windows to an unsecured location but will not enter a residence unless a burglary or other incident is reported, Brian Roof, master police officer, said. That responsibility lies under the control of real estate companies and the tenants.

According to incident reports, all four crimes are still under further investigation. Detective Kelly Blackwelder of the Elon Police Department is responsible for the investigation. She is waiting on a fingerprint analysis from prints found in a few of the homes.

She said the process will take more than six months.

"There were no witnesses and the crimes took place over a two-week time period," Blackwelder said. "Property crimes are difficult to solve and we're currently at a standstill."



Residents reported a wide array of missing items from liquor to flat screen televisions. This is a second burglary in Trollinger apartments since November.

There have been two other burglaries at Trollinger apartments this academic year. One burglary occurred during Thanksgiving break and another was reported in October. The items stolen included a windowpane and an LCD television set. These incidents are also under further investigation.

Jana Lynn Patterson, assistant vice president for Student Life, asks students

to be aware of their surroundings and practice sound safety measures on breaks.

"Do not walk alone at night," Patterson said. "Make sure all exterior and interior doors and windows are locked and secured, and report any suspicious activity or security concern immediately."

## Elon Law Student robbed, shot during winter break

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An Elon University law student was robbed at gunpoint then shot in the shoulder during winter break. The student sustained non-life threatening injuries.

The incident occurred at 2 a.m. on Dec. 18. The third-year law student was at 311 King St., less than one mile from the Elon University's School of Law

campus, when a black male, riding a bicycle, approached the 26-year-old.

According to Greensboro Police reports, after the suspect received an undisclosed amount of money, he tried to force the student to drive him to an ATM. The student refused and was shot.

Greensboro Police spokeswoman Lt. Hope Newkirk said there are no current leads in the case.

"We have no suspects at the time and not a lot to go on," Newkirk said. "But

we are keeping the case open and under investigation."

Police reports indicate the suspect was in his 20s, wearing a green jacket, grey pants and a tan hat.

Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of student life, said that an e-mail was sent out to law school student body informing them of the incident but not to the general student body.

"It happened off of the main campus and during the break," Jackson said.

"We didn't feel the need to send out an e-mail to the student body at large."

Jackson said this was the first time that he could recall a student had been shot. He said the university had been in touch with the student to make sure he was doing well.

Philip Craft, director of communications at the law school, also confirmed the student was doing well.

The student could not be reached for comment.

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