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Copper Wire Thief Vandalizes Local High School

Detectives with the Fresno County Sheriff's Office need the public's help to identify a man who vandalized a local school. It happened on Saturday, 4/22/17, at Central West High School located at 2045 N. Dickenson Ave. in Fresno. Surveillance cameras recorded a man stealing approximately 75 yards of copper wire. The suspect was on the campus between the hours of 2:45 am and 3:00 am. The video shows him making his way over to a utility box, opening it, pulling out the wire, cutting the strands and then hauling it away.

The suspect is described as being white or Hispanic, 5'10" and in his 20s or 30s. His theft caused approximately \$10,000 in damage to the school and caused two classrooms to lose electricity. The need for repairs disrupted the learning environment of students and came at a cost to taxpayers. The suspect is facing a felony vandalism charge.

Anyone with information on this case should call Fresno County Sheriff's Detective Mike Wynn at (559) 600-8155 or Crime Stoppers at (559) 498-STOP (7867). You will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a \$1,000 cash reward.

