

POLICE BEAT

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Police Beat is compiled weekly from Kennesaw State University's Safe and Sound Police public records. Names are removed for privacy.

POLICE DOG ON BOMB DETAIL

Officer Jackson received a call from the Cobb County Police Department K-9 Unit in reference to assisting with a bomb threat at a Home Depot in Austell on Oct. 9.

He arrived on the scene and assisted with finishing a sweep of the parking lot, then was asked to search a few areas with the police dog, K-9 Amar.

K-9 Amar showed some interest in one area; however, he did not go into trained final alert.

K-9 Amar was later deployed on a Chevrolet Suburban, and he went into a final trained alert on the vehicle. Another officer requested that K-9 Amar sniff the vehicle to confirm the alert. K-9 Amar had a noticeable change in behavior when approaching

time. The bomb squad did not find any devices in the vehicle. K-9 Amar was deployed once again but did not show a change in behavior.

The dog did not go into a trained final alert when sniffing the items, but he did have a change in behavior and breathing in the same area as before when the vehicle was closed up, though not as strong as before. An officer spoke with the driver of the Suburban after the check was completed. The driver said her husband works in the textile industry, and that they had transported carpet and wood flooring in their Suburban within the last weeks.

The officer said that there is new information that some textiles have some of the

KSU UNVEILS PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP BOX

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Kennesaw State University unveiled a new prescription drug drop box earlier this month. The drop box is located inside the KSU Department of Public Safety. Its appearance is similar to a postal mailbox, and it allows students, staff, faculty and the Kennesaw community to safely dispose of unwanted prescriptions and medications in an anonymous way at any time. The drop box is an environmentally friendly alternative to at home disposal because it environmentally friendly, thus keeping drugs from entering water systems and landfills.

The "Think About It: Prevent Rx Drug Abuse" campaign raises awareness about prescription drug abuse and is sponsored by The Medical Association of Georgia Foundation who donated the drop box to KSU.

When asked about how the KSU community is responding to the drop box, Teresa Wren Johnston, Director of the Center for Young Adult Addiction, said the feedback has been great.

"We have had positive verbal feedback by students, staff and faculty," Johnston said. "The interest and support for the work of the Center for Young

Adult Addiction and Recovery and for the Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Coalition has increased; and the campus and greater community has developed greater insight and awareness into the RX Drug epidemic."

In terms of KSU's acceptance of the drop box, Johnston said, "The goal is to inform and educate our students, staff and faculty that we should dispose of old or excess prescription drugs so that we aren't tempted to self-medicate later or leave them exposed in a bathroom or kitchen cabinet."

KSU's Center for Young Adult Addiction and Recovery offers addiction education and intervention programs. Both individual and group support is available at request.

Students with any concerns regarding prescription drug abuse can contact Kennesaw State University's Center for Young Adult Addiction and Recovery Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Their office is located in University College, Room 222. They are also available by phone at (470) 578-2538 and by email at recovery@kennesaw.edu.

