

Bobcat Bobbies golf cart stolen on campus

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SAN MARCOS- A suspect stole Bobcat Bobbies golf cart was stolen near Old Main Monday night, after the driver left the vehicle unattended to help an injured student.

The theft was reported at 10:24 p.m. when Texas State Student Chloe Porter, 18, of San Marcos, called Bobcat Bobbies, the nightly on-campus escort ride service, to help her travel around campus with her broken foot. Bobcat Bobbies driver Daniel Harding, 20, of San Marcos, left the cart running while he assisted Porter to the golf cart between the chemistry building and Old Main. Finding the estimated \$5,000 golf cart in idle, the suspect took it and sped off. Police are now on the lookout for the suspect, allegedly a young male student.

“I pulled up next to the chemistry building and the girl who requested the ride said she had a broken foot, so I got out of the golf cart to help her down the stairs,” Harding said. “She had crutches and a big backpack. When I got to the steps, I heard the golf cart revving, and when I went back to see what was going on, the golf cart was heading down the ramp near the back of Old Main.”

Harding said he couldn’t describe the suspect, but Texas State custodian Jim Rodriguez, 53, of San Marcos, made eye contact with the alleged thief before he drove away.

“He was young, maybe 18, looked like a college kid,” Rodriguez said. “It was dark, but I saw his t-shirt was white and he had a Texas State ball cap on. He had glasses on, too. He just sped off and turned right on Pleasant Street.”

The suspect was seen turning down Pleasant Street and police are currently patrolling the surrounding area for the white, UPD golf cart with the number 28 emblazoned on it. Following the theft, Chloe Porter, the women who requested the golf cart ride, feels sorry she called in the first place.

“I feel so bad, like it’s my fault the golf cart was stolen,” Porter said. “I mean, my foot is broken, so I needed to call the Bobcat Bobbies to get across campus. It’s dark and campus is creepy at night. I just hope they get the guy.”

The Texas State University Police Department are still searching for the suspect and ask anyone with information to call UPD at 512-245-2323.