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Horsehair-thief strikes NMSU (4:34 p.m.)

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LAS CRUCES - A horsehair-thief struck New Mexico State University again this week.

Four quarter horses at the NMSU equestrian center have had their tails cut - two on March 29 or 30 and two more since then. The tail hair theft was discovered Monday, according to police reports.

One tail was valued at \$500. Horsehair, which is used in the manufacture of stringed instrument bows and paintbrushes, is sold online for up to \$300 per pound, depending on the rarity of its color.

Police have arranged more frequent patrols of the equestrian center and its horse pens.

The horses were not reported to be hurt.

Anyone with any information on this case is asked to call NMSU police at (575) 646-3311.