

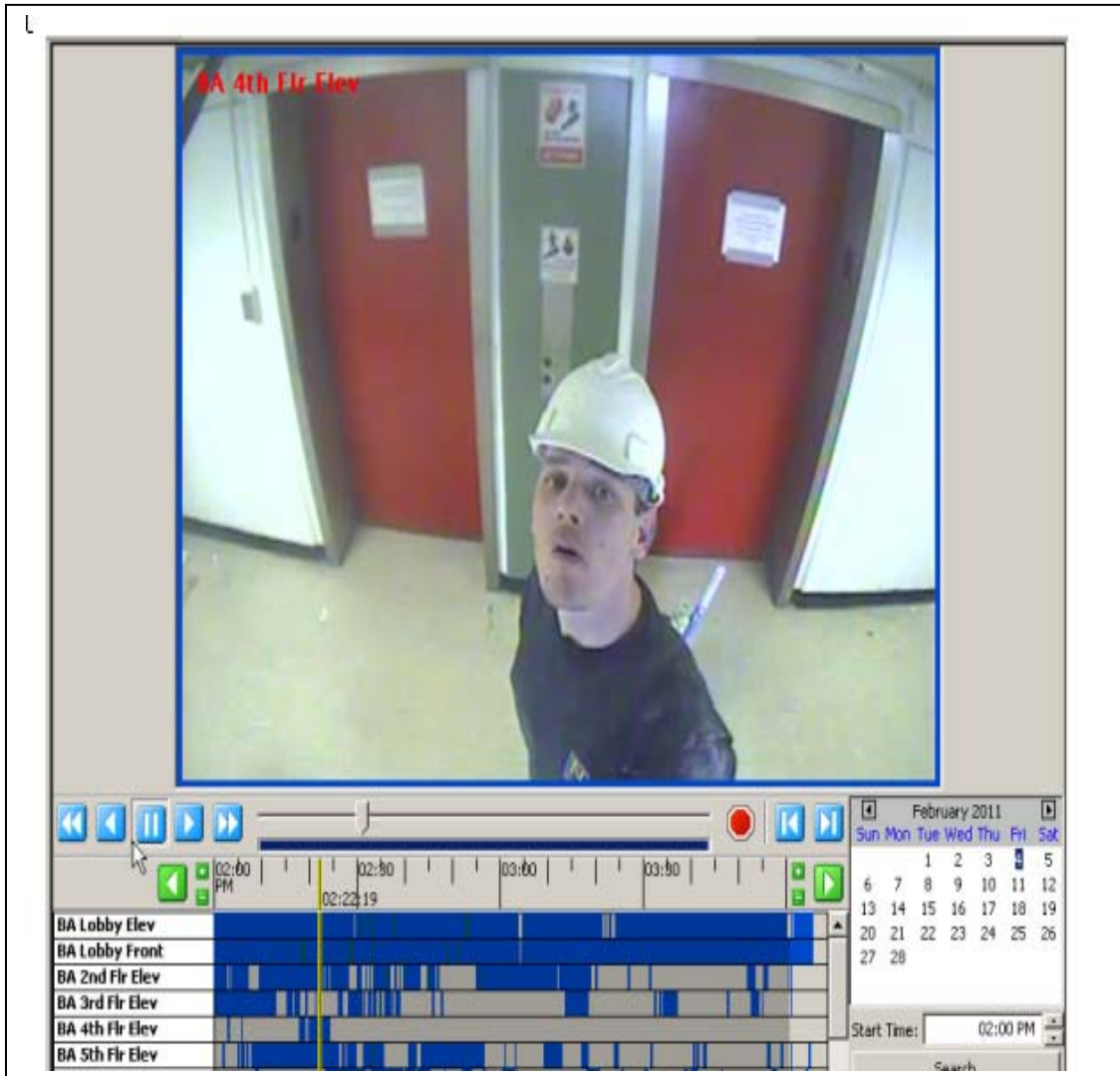


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INDIANAPOLIS HOUSING AGENCY

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## EDINBURGH MAN SOUGHT ON WARRANTS FOR STEALING GOVERNMENT CRIME CAMERA



**Donovan Smith Age 32 DOB 05/28/1979  
Last Known Address Edinburgh IN**

**Charged with Theft FD and Criminal Mischief by the Marion County Prosecutor  
Warrants Issued March 03, 2011 Marion Superior Court Room 24 Cause 11013317**

Donovan Smith was employed by a sub-contractor working on a renovation and rehabilitation project at the John Barton Tower, 555 Massachusetts Avenue. Investigators alleged that on February 04, 2011 Smith, while looking directly into a crime camera on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the 21-story high-rise public housing building, used a hammer and repeatedly beat the device until he removed it from its fixed location. Smith then left the facility with the camera valued at \$1,254. Smith was criminally charged following an investigation by the HUD Office of the Inspector General and the IHA Office of Special Investigations. Warrants were issued 03/03/2011 and Smith is a fugitive.

Persons with information about the whereabouts of Donovan Smith, or to report waste, fraud or abuse of federally assisted housing programs in the City of Indianapolis, can call the IHA Toll-Free Fraud Hotline at 1-866-411-8514 or e-mail [fraud@indyhousing.org](mailto:fraud@indyhousing.org).

You can also contact the HUD Office of the Inspector General nationwide Toll-Free Fraud Hotline at 1-800-347-3735 or e-mail [hotline@hudoig.gov](mailto:hotline@hudoig.gov).

**Since April 2001, OSI and HUD OIG investigators have arrested more than 600 persons charged with defrauding HUD programs in the City of Indianapolis, the largest such initiative in the United States.**

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