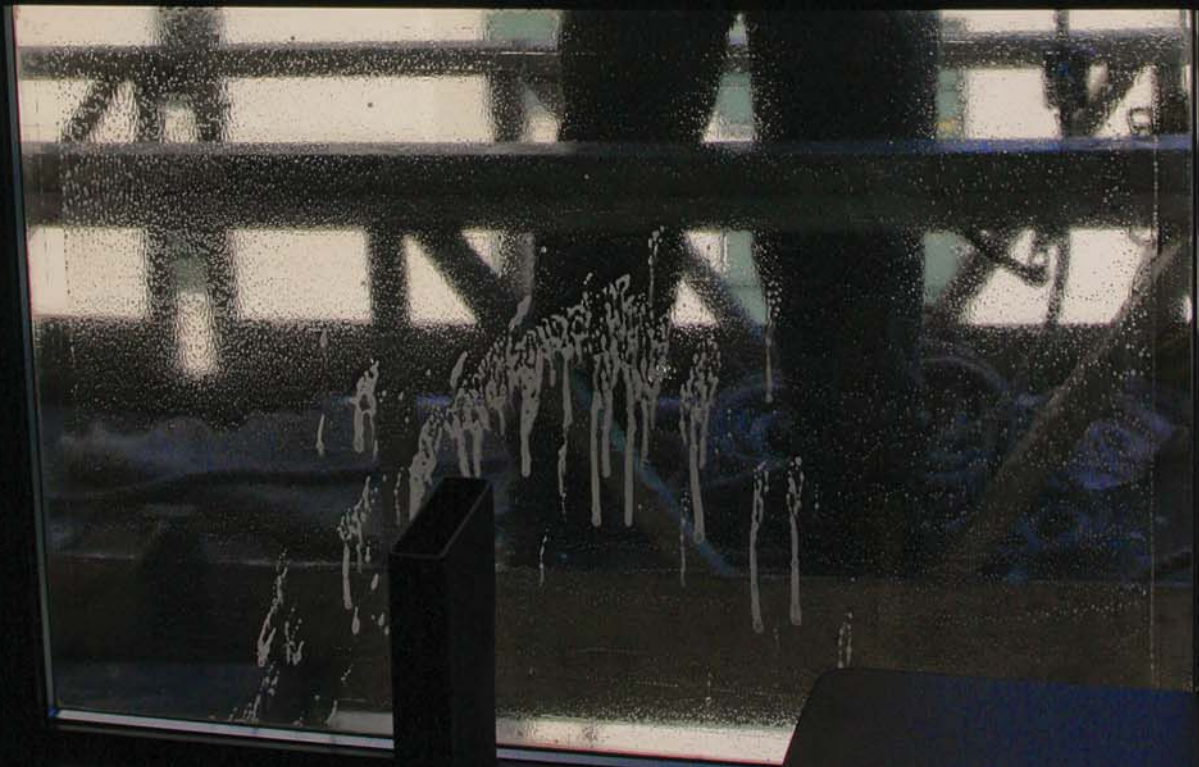# TENTH STREET

Tenth Street borders the east side of San Jose State University's main campus. It is a one-way street with three lanes going south.

It is a busy street.

When I wake up in the morning and open my blinds, I see Tenth Street from my window on the eighth floor of Campus Village Building B. I see where it intersects with Paseo de San Carlos.

Three seconds never pass without some activity occurring down there. The view from my window is always an interesting one.

Information about San Jose from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Jose,_California :

San Jose (meaning St. Joseph in Spanish) or San José is the third-largest city in California, and the tenth-largest in the United States. It is the county seat of Santa Clara County. San Jose is located in Santa Clara Valley, at the southern end of the San Francisco Bay Area, a region referred as Silicon Valley. Once a small farming city, San Jose became a magnet for suburban newcomers in new housing developments between the 1960s and 1990s, and is now the largest city in Northern California. The
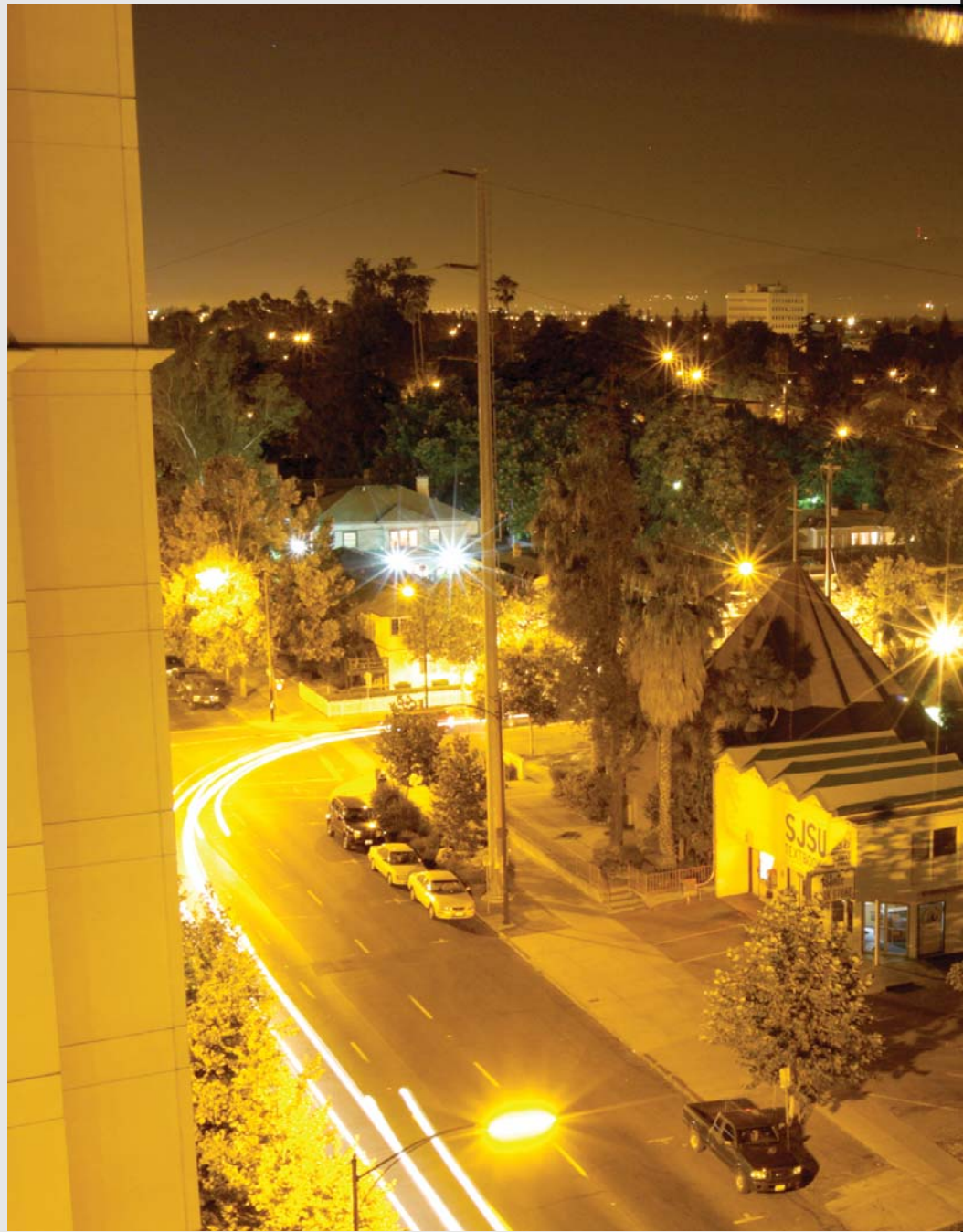
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official United States Census Bureau population estimate for July 1, 2006 is 929,936.[4] The California Department of Finance estimates, San Jose's population on January 1, 2008 was 989,496.

El Pueblo de San José de Guadalupe, San Jose was founded on November 29, 1777 as the first town in the Spanish colony of Nueva California, which later became Alta California.[6] The city served as a farming community to support Spanish military installations at San Francisco and Monterey. When California gained statehood in 1850, San Jose served as its first capital.[7] After more than 150 years as an agricultural center, increased demand for housing from soldiers and other veterans returning from World War II, as well as aggressive expansion during the 1950s and 1960s. Growth in the 1970s attracted more businesses to the city. In the late 1980s, after four decades of heavy development and population growth, San Jose surpassed San Francisco in population to become the third most populous city in California. By the 1990s, San Jose's location within the booming local technology industry earned the city the nickname Capital of Silicon Valley.

Tenth Street Traffic

Tenth Street has a large amount of traffic. Bikers dodging between cars and crowds of people gathered on the corners waiting for the crosswalk to turn are common sites from my window.

Once in a while a skateboarder will appear, or even a scooterer.

Being curious about the precise proportions of traffic, I counted once. Not one day, but only one minute, on the weekend and during the day.

What I found was very interesting. The number of pedestrians moving down Tenth Street nearly halves the number of vehicles.

And the number of vehicles count nearly 22 times more than bicycles do.

The number of pedestrians moving down Tenth Street nearly halves the number of vehcles.

This Pie Chart, based on a one-minute average during the weekend in the daylight hours, illustrates the three primary methods of transportation on Tenth Street.

Tenth Street Weekend Traffic

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- Vehicle
- Pedestrian
- Bicycle
- Other

One Minute Average +/- 4 pts.
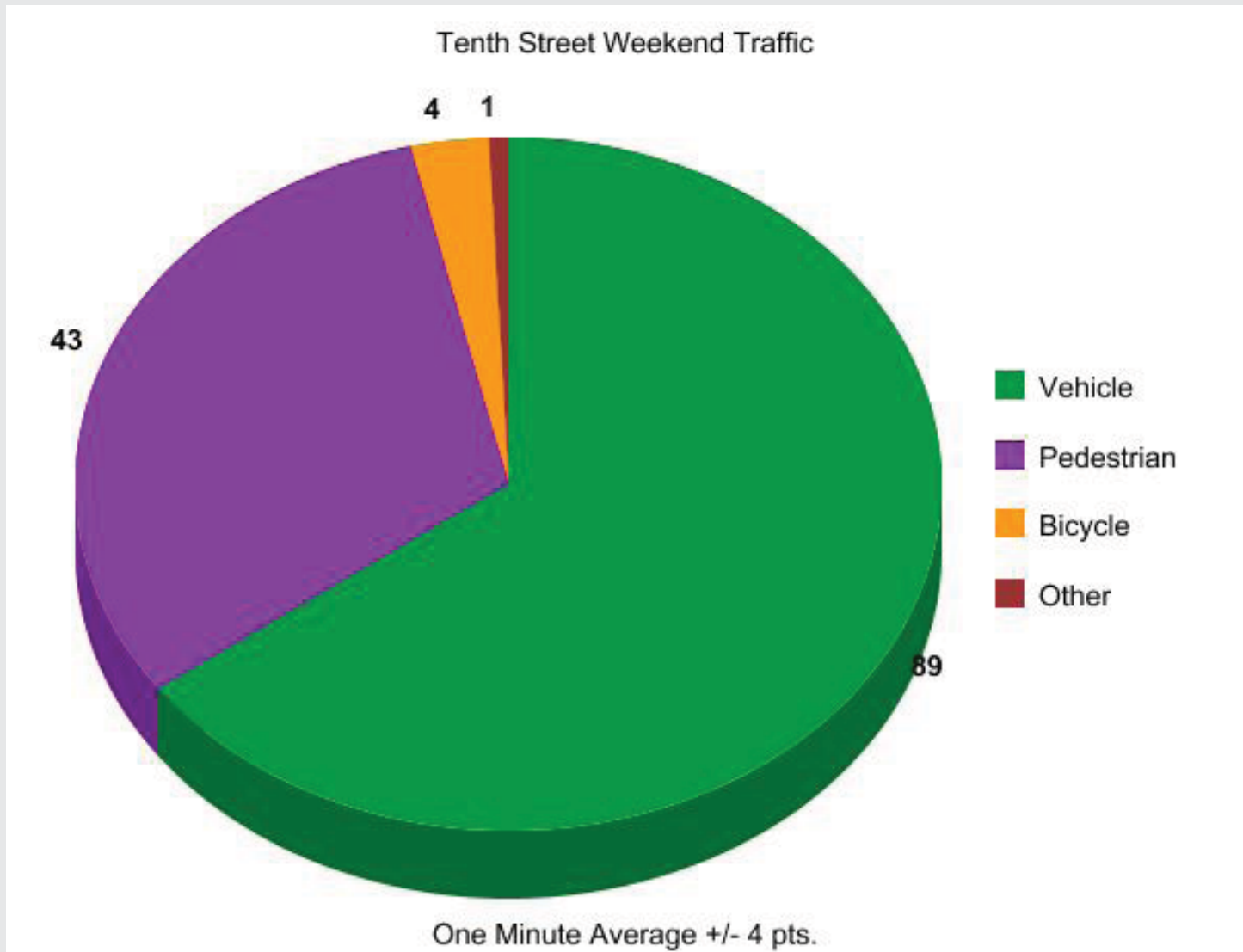
Window Washers

One day, rope and scaffoldings began to appear near the base of my building. No one ever used them, though.

I would walk past them on my way in and out wondering why anyone would go through the trouble of putting all of that equipment out there for nothing. After a few days, window cleaners started making appearances in the elevators, but I never saw them get out, only up.

They were setting the rigs up on the roof of my building. Looking out my window at the roof across from mine, I could see what the rigs looked like. But for the next few days they just sat there unused.

A strange tapping sound woke me up one morning. It was the sound of rope against my window. I opened the blinds and looked down to find someone's rising head.

Jose Madris, a JT Window Works employee coming from the 7th floor window below mine, was standing on a suspended scaffold that was actually suspended for once.

Jose Madris, a JT Window Works employee, washes my exterior, eighth floor window at Campus Village Building B while on a suspended scaffold on Tuesday, September 23,

He sprayed down the exterior window with a cleaning solution before starting to squeegee.

I wondered why there was no warning about JT Window Works coming to clean. What if I was naked? They'd have the perfect view if my blinds were open.

A few days later, a note appeared on my door explaining how the window cleaners would be coming and that I should close my blinds.

My window was not dirty, but Madris' silhouette was a welcome rarity.
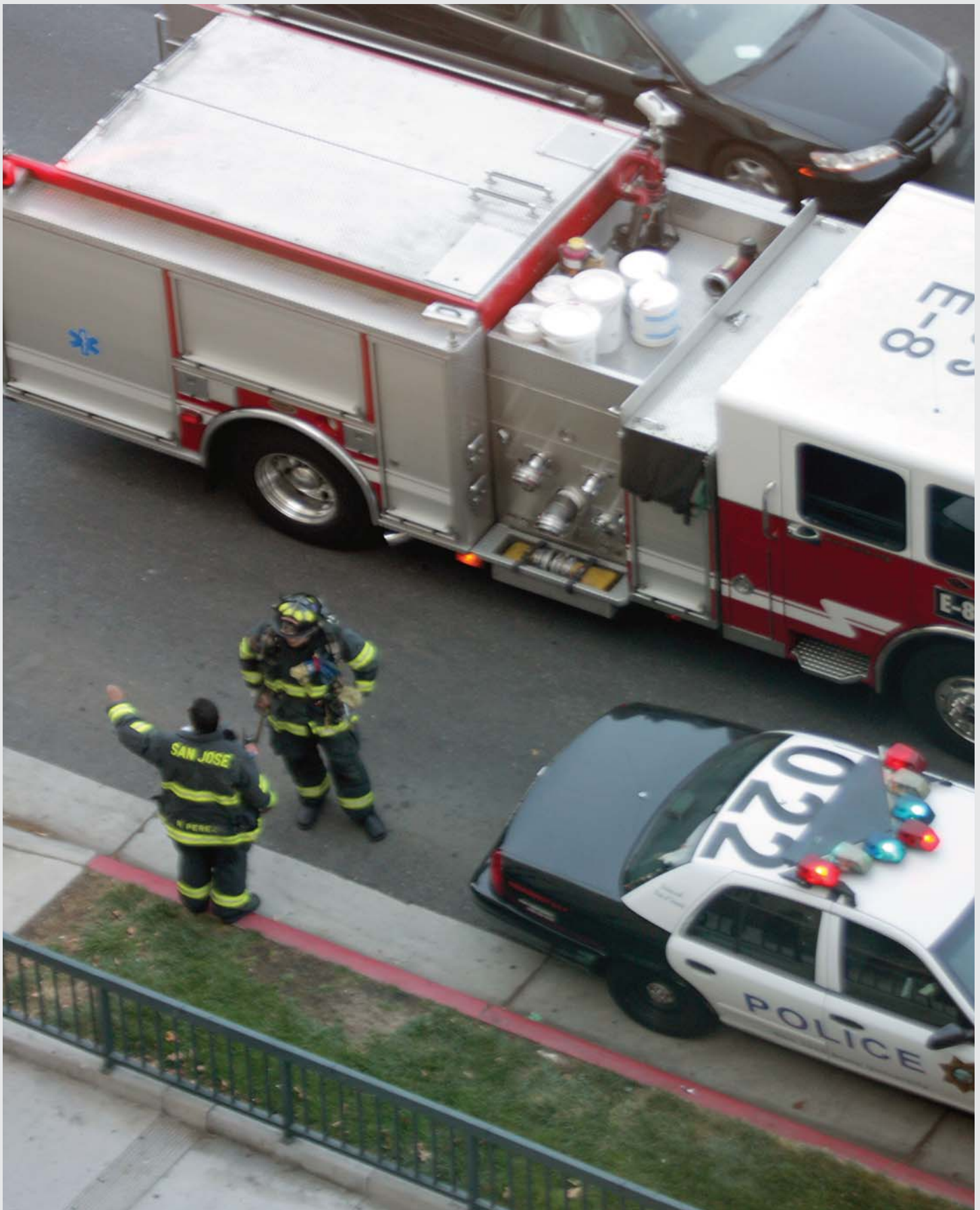
San Jose Fire and San Jose State University Police respond to a fire alarm at Campus Village Building B on Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008.

Visit:

http://www.tethstreet.wordpress.com for video coverage of events occurring on Tenth Street!

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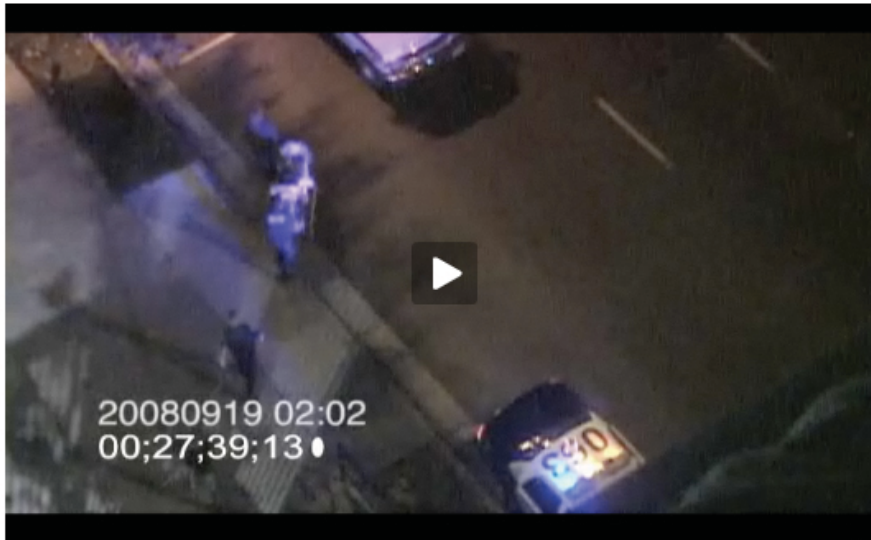
Paramedics roll a woman out of Campus Village Building B on Friday, September 19, 2008.

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