

Landlord finds Roosevelt school drug test data

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Documents containing the names, Social Security numbers and drug test results of roughly 250 Roosevelt Independent School District students were recently discovered in a cardboard box outside a South Lubbock home.

A landlord found the stack of confidential papers after evicting a tenant who was formerly employed by the company that conducted the school district's drug testing.

On Thursday, the box of papers was returned to American Alcohol and Drug Testing, and Roosevelt school officials were still undecided on what they would do over the incident.

"That's not acceptable," Roosevelt ISD Superintendent Berhl Robertson said in a phone interview Thursday afternoon. "We're right now in

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the process of thinking about the drug testing company we use."

Landra White, owner of American Alcohol and Drug Testing, said Thursday the misplaced drug test results were an isolated incident.

"Documents are typically taken care of appropriately," White said. "The policy is, nothing leaves this office."

According to White, it was her son's fiancée — a former employee of the drug testing company — who brought the drug test results home without approval in order to catch up on some work.

A short time later, White said, her son and his fiancée split up

and the drug test results were never returned to the office.

When White's son was recently evicted from his home, he had no idea that the cardboard box filled with papers left outside contained the drug test results, White said.

When the landlord who evicted White's son came across the box of confidential information, he turned it over to The Avalanche-Journal, not knowing if it belonged to the school district, the drug testing company or law enforcement.

Inside the cardboard box were several stacks of papers containing the names, grades, Social Security numbers and drug test results from roughly 250 students at Roosevelt Middle School and Roosevelt High School. A stack of forms containing parental permission slips granting the school permission to test each child was also in the box.

This is the first year the school district has conducted drug testing, according to Robertson, who said district officials are consulting with attorneys about what to do over the misplaced test results.

The tests were for any student participating in an extracurricular activity at the district's middle school and high school. According to the documents, none of the students tested positive for drug use.

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