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FIRESIGN THEATRE STORAGE UNIT BURGLER **POSTER COLLECTION, SCRAPBOOKS, PIGNOSE AMP STOLEN**

(Burbank, CA – May 25, 2015) – Beloved surrealist comedy group The Firesign Theatre is sad to report that their Los Angeles storage unit was burgled last month. The bulk of the stolen items are personal memorabilia from the collection of founding member Philip Proctor. Also stolen were Firesign's complete vintage poster and handbill collection, and an original Pignose portable amplifier.

The suspects are one young Caucasian woman and two young men. They did the following:

- Broke into Firesign founding member Phil Proctor's car at his home in Beverly Hills, stole key to storage unit lock, plus card listing address of storage facility and gate code.
- One week later, visited Firesign's storage facility, tailgated someone else in through the front gate, tried the code at every keypad in sight, were not able to get access to storage unit. Were spotted doing this by one of the on-site managers, who talked to the woman and told her she could give her no assistance in accessing the unit because her name was not on the account. Continued trying the passcode on every keypad in sight. Eventually left without getting into the storage unit.
- Came back the next day and repeated the process. This time no one confronted them.

Once inside the unit, the suspects stole these items:

- **Firesign Theatre / Proctor & Bergman handbill and poster collection**, all items wrapped in Mylar with card stock backing, stored in black soft art portfolios.
- **Pignose Portable Amplifier**, #57 of the original run of 65 Pignoses made in the late 1960s, signed by Wayne Kimbell & Richard Edlund.
- **Phil Proctor's scrapbooks** from the Firesign era.
- **Phil Proctor's original photocollages**, in binders.
- **Firesign oversize press clippings collection**, in artist's presentation books.
- **Hanging bag** full of old Firesign tour costumes.
- **Clear Sterilite case** with costume hats and shirts.

Here is a comprehensive list (with pictures, when available) of the items stolen: <http://www.footnoteconspiracy.com/PressReleases/TFTStolenItemList2015-05-22.pdf> Of note is the fact that of the large amount of Firesign merchandise in the unit (CDs, books, records, etc.), none was taken.

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At no time did the managers of the storage facility attempt to notify Firesign that someone without permission was trying to enter the unit. Proctor discovered the burglary one week later when visiting the unit. LAPD is currently investigating.

Happily this will not adversely affect any of Firesign's upcoming archival releases, including a DVD reissue of their 1974 film *Everything You Know Is Wrong*, scheduled for release in 2015 packed with bonus extras.

Anyone who may have evidence that could lead to the recovery of these goods is invited to contact Firesign archivist Taylor Jessen at 818-238-4661 or ironybread@earthlink.net. Those who wish to remain anonymous may contact Firesign through the "Got Firesign?" form at <http://firesigntheatre.com/cgi-bin/gotfiresign.cgi> Thanks!

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