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Beatrice Officials Looking for Football Field Vandals

BEATRICE, Neb. (AP) - Authorities are looking for those responsible for irreparably damaging the Beatrice High School football field's new artificial turf by spreading at least 100 pounds of birdseed over it.

School officials and police say several large bags of birdseed were ripped open and spread over the field sometime last weekend. To do that, whoever was responsible would have had to scale a 6-foot outer fence and 4-foot inner fence.

Coaches at Beatrice High School discovered the birdseed Monday.

Activities director Neal Randel says the birdseed has gotten into the fibers of the turf and that it can't be removed without pulling up the crumb rubber that supports the turf.

The \$2.3 million field was constructed last year and dedicated in August.

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