



City of Lafayette Police Department

Crime Bulletin

December 2015



Residential Burglary

The City of Lafayette Police Department is providing information about a crime that recently occurred within the City. The purpose of this bulletin is to inform residents about the incident and to obtain additional information to aid the police department in our investigation.

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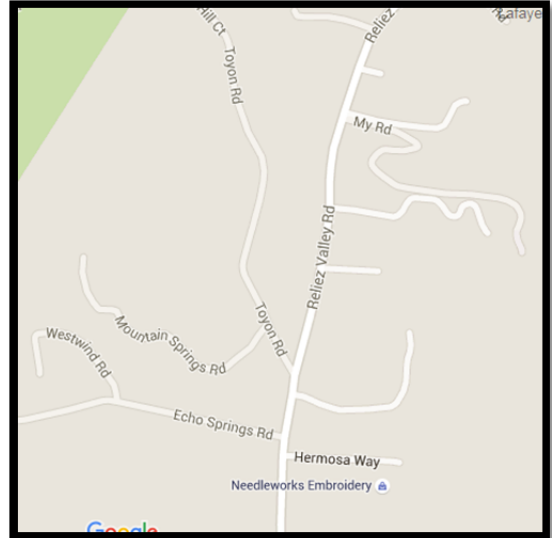
On Monday, 12/7/15 at 1816 hrs., Lafayette Officers were dispatched to the report of a residential burglary in the 1700 Block of Toyon Road. Upon their arrival, officers found the home had been entered and ransacked. Officers checked the interior of the home and found the suspect(s) were not at the residence.

Officers found the resident had left their home at 0630 hrs., locking the doors and windows of the home prior to departing. When friends arrived at the home at 1800 hrs., they found the interior of the home ransacked. They also found the glass from a set of French Doors on the rear of the home broken. It's believed the suspect(s) made entry to the home by kicking and breaking the glass in the door. The plate glass door did not shatter in the same manner as safety glass, likely resulting in an injury to the suspect(s) as they entered the home.

Our CSI personnel inspected the interior and exterior of the home and collected several items of evidence. Evidence collected included a blood sample that was found on the edges of the door glass. Several of the items collected at the scene were submitted this afternoon to the crime lab for analysis.

The suspect(s) removed jewelry from the home.

At this point, our investigators believe entry to the home was made between 1000 hrs. and 1200 hrs. We are seeking information from residents of this Reliez Valley Neighborhood who may have seen or heard anything that may aid us in our investigation. We are also asking residents with home surveillance systems to check their recorders for suspicious individuals or vehicles in the neighborhood. At this time, we believe the crime occurred between 1000 and 1200 hrs.



The Value of a Smart Meter

In this case, the resident did not have an alarm on the home. The closer we can define the time of the crime, the easier it is for our investigators to solve the crime. In this case, the resident had turned off all of the lights on the home when they left for work. When they arrived home, lights had been turned on and left on by the suspect(s). By reading the power used in the home during the day, our investigators have been able to provide a smaller window for the crime to have occurred. Take a few moments and register to be able to review your records on-line.

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Prevention. This home is located at the end of a remote one-lane roadway. The home is not visible from other homes in the area. The suspect(s) were unable to locate an open door or unlocked window. The suspect(s) were able to gain access to a rear glass door (**Locking side gate will prevent easy access to glass doors in the rear of your home**). Although they were not attacked in this case, all exterior doors that allow access to your home should be equipped with a dead-bolt style lock. Deadbolt throws should be at least one inch in length - allowing them to seat in the wood that makes up the door frame. Locking your windows and door is always a good thing and likely slowed the suspect(s) in this case. The resident had safeguarded much of their property, losing several items of property. **Jewelry continues to be the primary target for residential burglars in our community.**

E-Mail Alerts. If you are a resident of the City of Lafayette and are not currently receiving our email alerts, please contact Chief Christensen at echri@so.cccounty.us. Provide your name, street address and an email address. We want to make sure that all of our residents are aware of significant incidents and crime trends within our community.

Nixle Alerts. Residents who have not yet subscribed are urged to subscribe to our alerting system that we perform through the Nixle Alerting System. For significant incidents and disasters within the community, this is the primary system that will be used to provide our residents with information about incidents such as this one. You can subscribe to Nixle Alerts by visiting the Nixle Website (www.nixle.com) - a free service for our residents.

Emergency	911
Dispatch (Non-Emergency)	(925) 284-5010
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PLEASE call us if you see suspicious individuals or vehicles in your business or neighborhood.

Good Neighbor Program

We have expanded our Vacation Home Check Program. If you tell us when you are going to be gone from your home, we will do our best to have a member of our team check your home every day and send you a text or an e-mail to let you know we were there and that everything looks fine. We still want you to have that other good neighbor check on your house as well, but having an officer check your home is a good idea. If you are leaving for a trip, please just give us a call at the office to let us know when you are going to be gone and who will be watching the house while you are away. Even if you are already on vacation and forgot to call before you left, we'd love to check on the house to make sure everything is in order. It's a free service we provide to our residents.

