



City of Lafayette Police Department

Crime Bulletin

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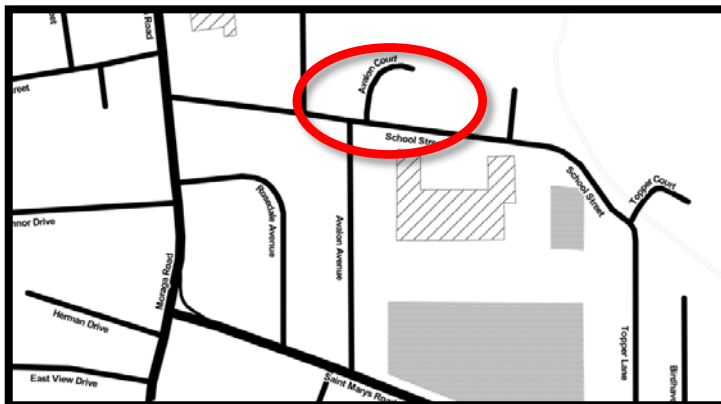


Residential Burglary

The City of Lafayette Police Department is providing information about an incident that recently occurred in the city. The purpose of this bulletin is to inform residents about the incident and to obtain information that may assist us in our investigation.

DR # 17-1472

On Friday, 2/3/17 at 3:36 p.m., LPD Officers were dispatched to a home on Avalon Court for the report of a residential burglary. Upon their arrival, officers searched the home and found no suspect(s) within the residence. LPD Officers learned the resident had left the home at approximately 11:00 a.m. and returned at 3:30 p.m. The resident reported that when he drove up to the home, he noticed that safety fencing to one side of his home was knocked over. The fence of the home was being replaced and the safety fencing had been installed as a temporary barrier. Believing the rain had knocked the fencing over, the resident entered their home. Upon entering the home, the resident realized an intruder had been in the home and notified police.



CSI personnel responded to the scene and determined the suspect(s) had likely pushed the temporary fencing down to gain entry to the rear yard of the home. Once in the rear yard, CSI's determined the suspect(s) attempted to open several windows and gained entry to the home by kicking in a rear door of the home. Once inside the home, the suspect(s) searched the interior of the home taking electronics and jewelry.

LPD Officers canvassed the neighborhood and located two neighbors who reported seeing a suspicious vehicle in the neighborhood earlier in the morning. Both neighbors reported seeing a similar vehicle and described the vehicle as driving through the neighborhood slowly, looking at the homes. LPD Officers were also able to locate a neighbor with a security camera that captured portions of the street in front of the home.

LPD Investigators reviewed the video recordings and discovered a vehicle entering the court and stopping near the burglarized home. Two suspects exited the vehicle and then returned to the vehicle a short time later, leaving the neighborhood. LPD Investigators reviewed neighborhood cameras from the area and recovered images of the suspect vehicle. The vehicle was found to have a paper (dealer) license plate. LPD Investigators released an image of the vehicle to a local media source, to determine the year of the vehicle. From that, they quickly learned the vehicle was a 2010 Ford Mustang and additional details to narrow the search for the car.

LPD Investigators were then able to identify the license plate number and registered owner of the vehicle. Investigators determined the vehicle was actually in police impound following an incident in Solano County. The vehicle had been impounded by CHP Officers in the early morning hours of 2/4/17. The driver of the vehicle was identified by CHP Officers and released. LPD Investigators responded to the storage facility, verifying this was the same vehicle used in the Lafayette crime. Investigators also found property from the burglary within the vehicle.



Suspect vehicle captured on security camera.



Vehicle captured on neighborhood camera system and in police impound.



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Investigation. LPD Investigators will now compare the evidence collected from the scene with the suspect(s) that have now been identified as a part of this investigation. LPD Investigators will likely be serving additional search and arrest warrants as part of this investigation.

Prevention. In this incident, the homeowner had locked all of the windows and doors to the home prior to leaving. The suspect(s) used the weakness of the temporary fence to enter the rear yard and access the doors and windows to the rear of the home. The suspect(s) attempted to open the windows, but were unable to gain entry. Because of the efforts the suspect(s) had to make to gain entry, one of the suspects left identifying information on one of the windows. The suspect(s) then kicked a rear door, gaining entry to the home. The resident was able to provide identifying information for the electronics that were taken. Prior to their theft, the devices were equipped with tracking applications, which were activated by the owner. Neighbors identified a suspicious vehicle that they had seen in the neighborhood during the morning hours, this provided an excellent foundation for the investigation. Locating the neighbor with the external video camera proved very beneficial to the investigation. The neighbor provided the recordings of the time period of the crime and showed the same suspicious vehicle returned to the neighborhood and burglarized the home.

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.



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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. **Contact the office at (925) 283-3680.**



Thinking About a Camera?

When it comes to improving the security of your own home or your neighborhood, there are few things that can beat the installation of a home camera system. Cameras today are reasonably priced, don't require a lot of work to install, and can easily be connected to your home Wi-Fi System. We have several camera models at the police department that you can come and borrow for a quick test-drive. We have several different makes and models that you can compare how they work before you buy. The image quality of these cameras is just amazing and can provide some excellent leads in helping us solve your case or the case of a neighbor. Give us a call to find out what cameras are available and to reserve the type you are the most interested in. Please contact the coordinator for this program, Cathy Surges-Moscato by email and she will give you some great advice and set you up with a loaner (CSurges@ci.lafayette.ca.us).



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