



Residential Burglaries

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

During the morning of 3/1/17, there were a series of incidents in the Southern Burton Valley Area of the city. These incidents all appear to be related.

DR # 17-2653 - Residential Burglary

3100 Block of Cordova Way - The resident is in their home and goes to bed at midnight. When they awake in the morning, they find that someone has been inside their home and has searched several areas of the home. The residents wallet was removed from the home as well as a cell phone and other property. LPD Officers responded to the area and found the side gate to the home was unsecured and entry was made to the home through an unlocked window. LPD CSI personnel collected various items of evidence from the home. Entry to the home was made after midnight and before 5 a.m.



DR # 17-2655 - Petty Theft from Vehicle

3100 Block of Rohrer Drive - A neighbor who was walking found a man's wallet laying in the roadway of Cordova Way. The resident searched the wallet and found that it belonged to a resident on Rohrer Drive. They return the wallet to the owner and discover the wallet was taken from an unlocked vehicle in the driveway of the home. The resident was unaware their wallet had been taken from the vehicle. The vehicle was unlocked in the driveway of the home overnight. The wallet was likely taken from the vehicle between 10 p.m. and 4:30 a.m.



Missing a set of keys? These were found in one of the homes, left by the suspect(s).

DR # 17-2659 - Residential Burglary

3100 Block of Cordova Way - The resident arrives home on 2/28 and goes to bed. When they awake in the morning, they find a strange set of keys laying on a chair within their home. When they examined the interior of the home, they find that someone has been inside their home and has taken their purse. When they exit their home, they find their car has been searched as well. LPD Officers find the car was unlocked, the side gate allowed easy access to the rear yard and the rear sliding glass door to the home was left unlocked. CSI personnel collected various items of evidence from the home.

DR # 17-2664 - Residential Burglary

500 Block of Hunsaker Canyon Road - The resident arrives home at 10:30 p.m. (2/28/17) parking their car in front of their home. After entering their home, they leave their purse in the entryway of the home. When they awoke the next morning, they found their purse missing and other items within the home disturbed. LPD Officers found the front door to the home was left unlocked overnight. CSI personnel responded to the home and processed the home for evidence. Evidence was collected from the home.



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Investigation. LPD Investigators are now looking for residents with camera systems from the affected area. They are looking for images of the suspect(s) as they moved through the neighborhood, searching for unlocked cars to steal from. Residents with security cameras in this area are asked to review their recordings from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. If you find that your car was searched and property taken, please contact our officers at (925) 284-5010.

Prevention. All of these crimes could have been prevented, had residents locked their windows and doors. These crimes should be concerning, as strangers were inside homes while residents were asleep inside. It's never a safe thing to leave your door unlocked, whether you are at home or not. In the case of these thefts, the suspects arrived in the neighborhood to look through unlocked cars for valuables. While in the neighborhood, they found one home with the side access gate completely removed - giving them access to the rear of the home. At the rear of the home, they found an unlocked window in a home office. They removed the screen and climbed into the occupied home (what we refer to as a "Cat Burglary"). Once inside the home the suspect(s) searched the home, while residents slept several doors away. This same pattern was repeated at two additional residences in the area. These suspects never broke a window, never pried a door. They just accessed the rear yards of the homes, where they found unlocked points of entry. Families need to develop a routine of ensuring doors and windows are locked when the last person goes to bed. Leaving doors and windows unlocked leaves you vulnerable. Had residents installed padlocks on their side gates, the suspects would not have been able to gain entry to the home. It's never safe to leave your car unlocked, even when it is in the driveway of your home. Likewise, windows and doors in rooms that you are not in should be locked.

**LOCK YOUR
WINDOWS
AND DOORS**

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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