



City of Lafayette Police Department

Crime Bulletin

July 2014



Residential Burglaries

The City of Lafayette Police Department is alerting residents to a series of crimes that have occurred within the City in the past few days. The purpose of this bulletin is to advise residents of the incidents and to obtain additional information to aid the police department in our investigation.

Between July 4 and July 7, the City has suffered 3 Residential Burglaries in the areas to the South of Highway 24. Two of the burglaries occurred on July 4th and the third on July 7th.

July 4 (Silverwood Drive)

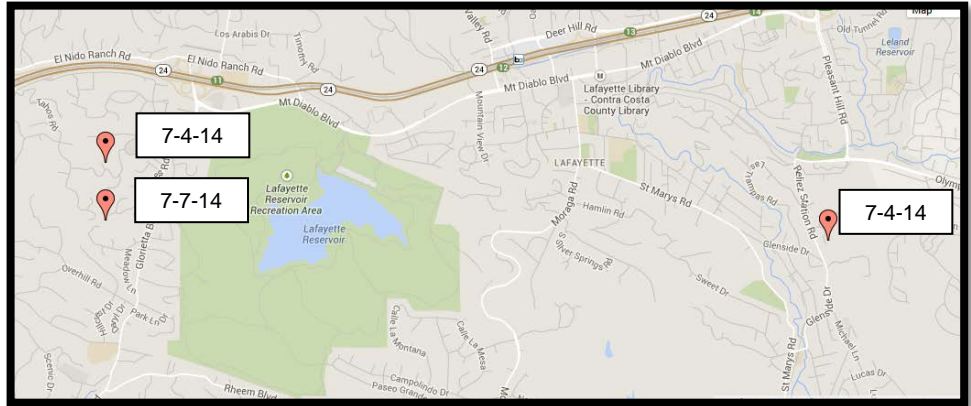
Between 0800 and 1030 hours, an unknown suspect gained entry to the home by smashing the glass in a rear glass door. Once inside the home, the suspects ransacked the home and removed an unspecified amount of property. The suspect(s) entered the home even though there were two small dogs in the home. **Report # 14-11252.**

July 4 (Diane Ct.)

Between 0900 and 1820 hours, an unknown suspect gained entry to the residence by using garden tools to pry the side garage door lock. The door was equipped with a lockable door handle, but not a deadbolt. Suspect(s) were able to gain entry to the home and ransacked the interior, removing cash and jewelry from the home. **A neighbor reported that they may have seen a dark colored sedan leaving the residence at 1400 hours.** The residence has an alarm, but it was not set. **Report # 14-11272.**

July 7 (Coralee Lane)

Between 0800 and 1900 hours, an unknown suspect gained entry by smashing a rear window of the residence. After gaining access to the home, the unknown suspect(s) ransacked the home. The suspect(s) removed computers from the home (laptop and desktop). Suspects were unable to locate jewelry in the home. The suspect(s) entered the home although there was a small dog in the home. **Report # 14-11427.**



We (the police department) are asking for neighbors who were in these areas to provide us with a description of any suspicious vehicles or persons that they may have seen. We are also asking the neighbors who reside in these areas to review their home surveillance cameras to identify any suspicious vehicles that were in the neighborhoods during the times of the crimes. Neighbors who have any information to provide in these cases are asked to contact our investigators.

Prevention. Two of these burglaries involved the breaking of glass access points in isolated areas of the home. Neighbors are asked to place padlocks on their side gates to deny access to intruders. By forcing the suspect to climb a fence or gate, it dramatically increase the probability of detection. **JEWELRY** continues to be the primary target of thieves. Jewelry that has sentimental or is of high value **SHOULD NOT BE STORED IN A JEWELRY BOX.** Suspects typically **spend very little time** in a residence, looking through drawers and closets for valuables.

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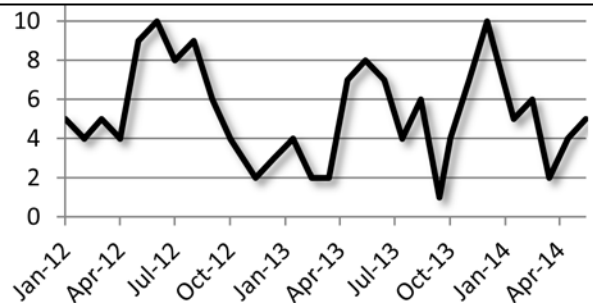
Prevention (Cont.). These three crimes have a number of similarities. All three of these residences were located in remote and isolated areas. All three were at the end of long or remote driveways, allowing suspect(s) the ability to be hidden from view. Two of the crimes were perpetrated at homes with pets that were present. Thankfully, none of the pets were injured or lost during the crimes. If your home has an alarm system, it does no good if it is not set. Leaving a car in the driveway is not a bad idea.

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.

Lafayette Residential Burglary Trends. One of the questions we get asked frequently as of late is if burglaries are on the rise within Lafayette. The answer is no, they are not. After the first six months of the year, we have suffered 26 residential burglaries. **However, even one burglary is too many and that's why we need to work together to reduce these crimes.**

Lafayette Residential Burglaries 2012-14



RESIDENTIAL SECURITY CAMERA FORUM

The Lafayette Crime Prevention Commission will be holding a community meeting on the topic of residential and neighborhood camera systems on **July 9th at 7 pm**. The meeting will be held in the Community Hall at the Lafayette Library. We'll have a presentation about best practices, what you should consider when installing a camera system and how to organize your neighborhood to get this done. We'll have representatives from some of the neighborhoods who have systems, as well as some vendors to talk about the systems that they have installed in the community. Finally, we'll also review some of the actions that have been taken by the Crime Prevention Commission to better protect our neighborhoods.



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PLEASE call us if you see suspicious individuals or vehicles in your neighborhood.

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