



City of Lafayette Police Department

Crime Bulletin

June 2015



Attempted Burglary Update

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.

DR # 15-9441

On Monday, 6/8/15 at 12:45 p.m., Lafayette Officers were dispatched to a residential burglary alarm at a residence on Cricket Hill Road. Their investigation revealed that two unknown subjects had attempted to make entry to the home by breaking the rear sliding glass door. The suspects had used a garden stake to break the door glass. The breaking of the glass activated the home alarm system, which sounded a loud alert. The alert from the alarm system brought a worker from an adjacent home to investigate, scaring off the would-be burglars.

The worker provided an excellent description of the suspects to our investigators.

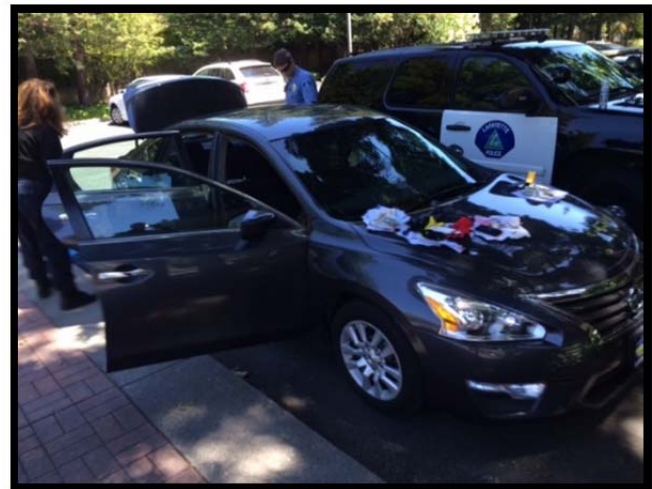
Because the alarm system provided a specific time of the attempted burglary, our investigators were able to review images from surrounding community and neighborhood camera systems. Neighbors from the surrounding area were also asked to provide assistance regarding the case. We received several tips from neighbors regarding suspicious vehicles and persons in the area at the time of the crime.

Our investigators were able to identify a suspicious vehicle that was in the neighborhood at the time of the crime. After identifying the registered owner of the vehicle, our investigators identified several subjects who were associated with the vehicle. Two of the individuals associated with the vehicle matched the descriptions provided by the worker. The worker who had witnessed the incident was able to identify one of the suspects as having been at the home during the burglary. With this information, our investigators were able to obtain a search warrant for the vehicle and an arrest warrant for the suspect.

On Wednesday, 6/17/15, our investigators were notified that officers from the Oakland Police Department had located the vehicle. During an enforcement stop, the wanted suspect was found inside the car. Our investigators and officers responded to Oakland, returning to Lafayette with both the suspect and his vehicle. The suspect was interviewed by investigators and his vehicle processed by our Crime Scene Investigators (CSI). The suspect was later booked at the jail for attempted burglary and the car was sent to storage. Our investigators have now identified the second suspect in this case.



The suspect vehicle was captured on a neighborhood camera system near the crime scene.



Suspect vehicle is processed by our CSI personnel.

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Prevention. In this case, the alarm system and a concerned individual prevented this burglary from being completed. The alarm system had been installed with the idea of protecting the most common point of entry, the rear sliding glass door. When activated, the alarm had a loud return - letting the suspects know they had been discovered. The presence of an interested witness in the area likely forced the suspects to abandon their plans to enter the home. Prior to leaving the home, the resident had checked the windows and doors of the home to make sure they were all locked. The resident set the alarm prior to leaving, even though they were only leaving for a short trip. If the resident had not locked the doors, it is likely the suspects would not have had to force entry and the burglary would not have been interrupted. Because of the preparation of the homeowner, the suspects were unable to make entry to the home - exactly what locked doors and windows, when combined with an alarm system are designed to do.

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.**



The City of Lafayette is currently seeing an increase in the number of auto burglaries within our community. Auto burglars are just like the bears in our National Parks. If you feed them, they are likely to come back a second, third, or fourth time. By leaving items of value for burglars to steal, you increase the risk of others being victimized as well. It takes just a few seconds to significantly reduce the risk of being a victim of this **PREVENTABLE** crime.



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