



City of Lafayette Police Department

Crime Bulletin

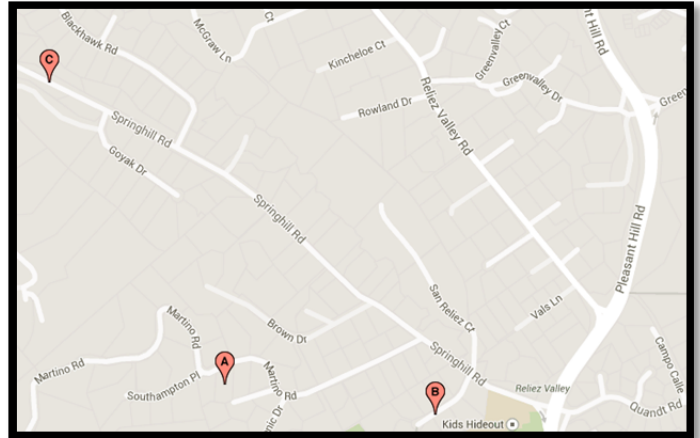
September 2014



Auto Burglaries / Mail Theft

The City of Lafayette Police Department is alerting residents to a series of crimes that occurred within the City today. The purpose of this bulletin is to advise residents of the incident, to locate more victims, and to obtain additional information to aid the police department in our investigation.

This morning (9/26/14), a concerned neighbor reported that a woman was sleeping with what appeared to be a handgun in her lap in the parking lot of one of our downtown businesses. Lafayette Officers responded to the scene and made contact with two subjects at the vehicle. A check of the weapon identified it to be an airsoft gun, which appeared realistic. Offices searched the vehicle and during that search, found numerous items of property that they believed to be stolen. Officers were able to identify several articles, which were confirmed to have been stolen from vehicles during the night. All of the property from within the vehicle has been identified as coming from the same neighborhood, the Springhill Neighborhood.



An image of the suspect vehicle was captured on a neighborhood camera system in the Springhill Neighborhood. That image was taken at 0412 hrs. as the vehicle departed the neighborhood.

The suspects were found to be in the possession of a "slim jim" and other tools that allowed users to pick the locks of vehicles. The vehicles that this pair burglarized were entered by defeating the door locks. Both subjects were arrested and booked at the jail.



We are asking neighbors in the Springhill Area to check the interior of their cars to ensure that no property is missing from them. We have a significant amount of property that is likely from thefts the pair committed during the overnight hours. Residents who discover they have had property stolen from their vehicles are asked to contact our officers to make a report (925) 284-5010.

We are also asking neighbors in the area who have surveillance cameras that show the roadway to check their systems to identify other images of this vehicle in the neighborhood. These subjects were likely operating during hours of darkness.



Investigation. The male and female subjects that were arrested as part of this investigation have long criminal histories. One of the subjects was currently on bail after being caught committing similar crimes. With the amount of property that we recovered from the vehicle, it's our belief that there are additional victims who have not yet reported their loss. The resident who initially reported the pair did exactly what we ask. If you see something that is suspicious, give us a call. Neighbors got their property back and crooks are in jail because of this caller.



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Prevention. These subjects were not the typical auto burglars that we encounter within the City. These subjects had the tools to enter locked vehicles without making much noise. The best prevention is to not leave items of value in your vehicle - GPS Devices, coins, etc. If there is nothing of value in view, they will not enter the car.

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.

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.



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

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