



City of Lafayette Police Department

Crime Bulletin

December 2014



Residential Burglaries

The City of Lafayette Police Department is providing this information about a series of crimes that recently occurred within the City. The purpose of this bulletin is to inform residents about the incidents and to obtain additional information to aid the police department in our investigation.

SAFETY NOTIFICATION

This residential burglary resulted from suspects entering an unlocked vehicle and removing a garage door opener. Once in possession of the opener, the suspects used it to open the garage door of the home. After waiting to see if they had been detected, the group returned to the home and entered the open garage. Residents are asked to remove their garage door openers from their vehicles at night. Garage door openers should never be left in an unlocked vehicle.

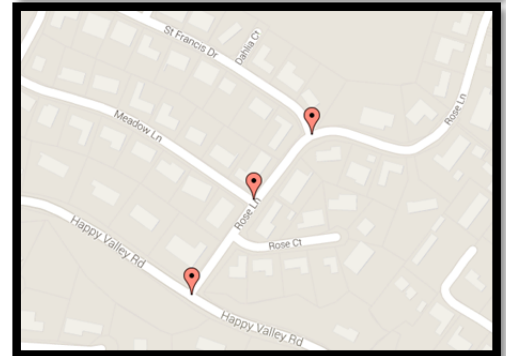
On Tuesday (12/9/14), a series of thefts were reported in the Happy Valley Neighborhood of the City. The thefts were initially reported as thefts from unlocked vehicles. However, as residents awoke to find their cars ransacked, several also found their garage doors open. One resident had a surveillance camera outside of their home and captured the thieves in the act. The thieves drove up to his residence, exit their car and then enter his unlocked car. After several moments inside the car, the suspects return to their own car. They then drive up the street and returned moments later, activating the garage door opener (opening the garage) as they drove by. The suspects waited several minutes and then returned when the opening did not awaken the residents. The suspects then entered the garage of the home, removing property from the garage.

On that morning, we received a total of four reports of similar thefts, with three residents finding their garage doors open. Using the information from the residential camera system, we were able to locate the vehicle exiting the neighborhood on a neighborhood camera system. From that system, we have been able to identify the license number of the vehicle associated with the thefts in the neighborhood.

These thefts occurred between 0100 and 0330 hours. The thefts occurred on Rose Lane, Meadow Lane, St. Francis Drive and Cristmont Drive, all within the Happy Valley Neighborhood.

The vehicle used in these crimes is a 2002 Black BMW 330 with a CAL LIC of **6TVE419**. Our investigators are working to locate the vehicle and its occupants. **If residents find this vehicle in their neighborhood, please dial 911 immediately.**

Prevention. Residents should remove their garage door openers from their vehicles at night. A device that allows access to your home should not be left unattended at night. Doors leading to the garage should also be locked, preventing a person who gains access to the garage from entering the home.



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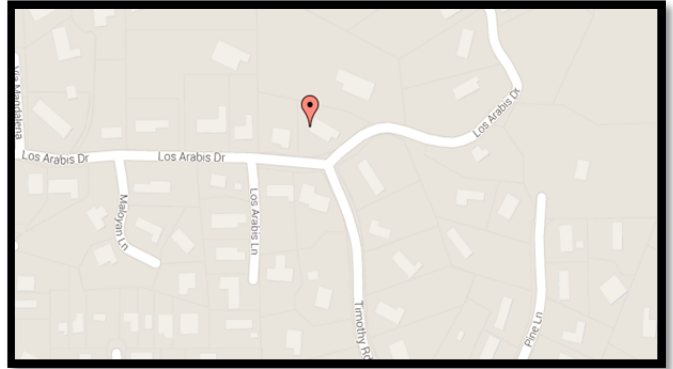
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Los Arabis Drive Burglary

On Friday (12/12/14), at 1834 hrs. Lafayette Officers responded to a burglary alarm in the 3800 Block of Los Arabis Drive. Upon their arrival to the home, officers found the front door ajar and evidence that the interior of the home had been searched. Upon the arrival of the homeowners, it was determined that entry had been made to the home through an unlocked door.

Because the alarm had been set, interior motion sensors detected the subjects within the home and sounded the alarm.

The residents reported they left their home approximately fifteen minutes prior to the alarm. The residents reported when they departed their driveway, they saw a silver-colored sedan that was strange to the neighborhood in the roadway. The suspects were able to flee from the home with various items of personal property.



Our investigators are seeking information from neighbors who may have seen this vehicle, or other vehicles in the neighborhood at the time of this crime. We are also asking residents in the neighborhood to check their home surveillance systems to see if they were able to capture and image of the suspect(s) or their vehicle. Residents who have any information regarding this burglary are asked to contact our investigators.

Investigation. Our officers were able to collect several items of evidence from the residence. These items of evidence will be examined by our investigators and then forwarded to the laboratory for analysis. The property taken from the residence will also provide some additional investigatory leads.

Prevention. Locking your windows and doors is one of the most important things that we can do to secure your property. In this case, the home was equipped with an alarm which sounded inside the home and at a monitoring site. The suspects were obviously rushed in their search of the residence. The alarm company provided information that leads us to believe that the suspect(s) spent less than a minute in the home. In this case, the alarm made a difference. Whenever you see someone in your neighborhood that is not one of your neighbors, please give us a call. In this case, the neighbor felt odd about the vehicle and the occupants but failed to call the police.

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.