



City of Lafayette Police Department

Crime Bulletin

September 2014



Residential Burglary

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

On Sunday (9/21/14) between 1500 and 1900 hrs., unknown subject(s) made entry to a home in the 3200 Block of Lucas Drive. The suspects made entry to the home through a small unlocked window in the bathroom of the home. The suspect(s) used a rock as a step-ladder to gain access through the raised window.

Once inside the residence, the suspect(s) searched the interior of the home for items of value. The suspects fled the residence with electronics and jewelry. Officers were able to collect several items of physical evidence, which will be processed and forwarded to the crime lab. Officers are confident they were able to locate an item which has the suspects DNA upon it.

As part of our investigation, we are asked neighbors who live in the Burton Valley Area of the City to review their home security systems and identify any vehicles that were driving in the neighborhood between 1500 and 1900 hrs. We would appreciate any assistance that we can get in solving this crime - make, model, color, anything would be helpful.

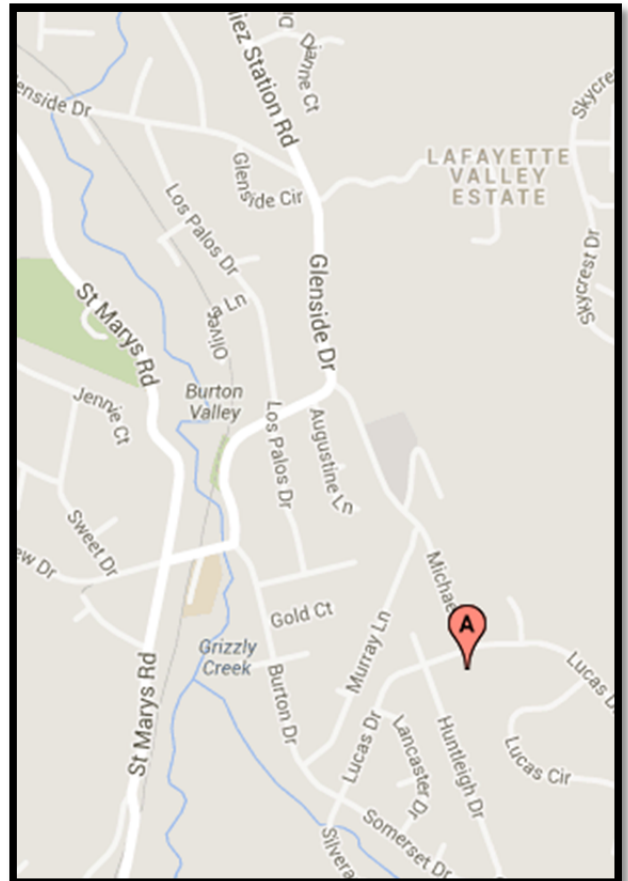
We are also asking residents who were in this area of the City to recall if they saw any vehicles or subjects who seemed out of place or whom they had not seen in the neighborhood before.

Residents who have additional information are asked to contact our investigators or patrol staff. If you were in the neighborhood at this time and have information that can aid us in our investigation, please contact us.

A neighbor reported they were in their front yard until 1600 hrs. and saw nothing - which may narrow the time of occurrence between 1600 and 1900 hrs.

Prevention. In this instance, the family had locked every window and door in the home, except for a small window in the bathroom - the window we all leave open once in a while. The suspect was able to use a nearby rock as a stepladder to gain access to the interior of the home through that window. This is another instance where a suspect used an unlocked side gate to gain entry to the rear of the home. Residents are asked to lock their side gates, forcing suspects to climb their fence and increase the probability of detection. A locked side gate will not prevent first responders from getting to you in an emergency - we will either go over or through the fence if we need to.

Investigation. Our investigators will pick up this case first thing in the morning. We are hoping that we will have some additional leads from the neighbors to help us locate these suspects and retrieve our neighbor's property. If you have any information that could aid us in our investigation, please contact us.



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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.

Emergency	911
Dispatch (Non-Emergency)	(925) 284-5010
Police Department Office	(925) 283-3680
Tip Line	94549Tip@gmail.com
Email	
SGT Shiells (Investigations)	HShie@so.cccounty.us
Det Dennison (Investigations)	JDenn@so.cccounty.us



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

Home Security Survey

We spend a lot of time and money on training our Crime Scene Investigators on how to recognize the various items of evidence left behind by criminals at the scenes of the various crimes in the City. Who better to come out and take a look at your home to identify things they have seen that work to prevent crooks from gaining entry to your home or business? Just give us a call at the office and we will schedule them to meet with you to talk about some simple things that can be done to make your home a less likely target. A couple of minutes can make a difference.

**Give us a call to schedule a visit
(925) 283-3680.**



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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