



City of Lafayette Police Department

Crime Bulletin

October 2014



Residential Burglaries

The City of Lafayette Police Department is alerting residents to a series of crimes that occurred within the City. 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.

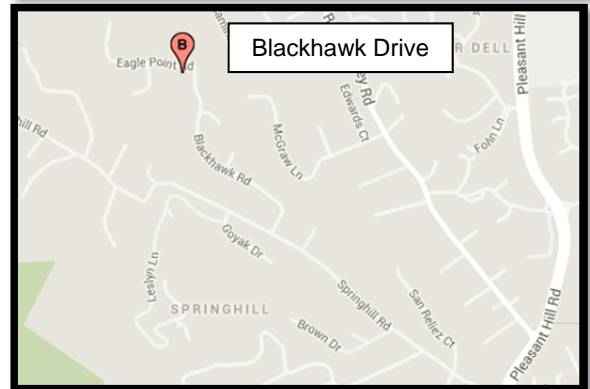
WEDS 10/8/14 0715 hrs -1945 hrs - 600 Block of Huntleigh Drive

Resident leaves for work in the morning, leaving a kitchen window ajar to allow air to get into the home. When the resident returns home, they find their front door unlocked. Upon entering the home, they recognize the interior to have been ransacked. Jewelry has been taken from the master bedroom. Entry to the home was made through the kitchen window that was left ajar - using a ladder that was left in the yard of the home.



FRI 10/3/14 to SUN 10/5/14 - 3400 Block of Blackhawk Drive

Resident is gone from their home for several days. When the resident returns home, they find the interior of the home ransacked. Entry to the home was through a kitchen window that was left ajar. The suspects removed jewelry and loose change from the residence.



SUN 9/21/14 1500 hrs - 1900 hrs - 3200 Block of Lucas Drive

This burglary was identified in a previous bulletin, however, the Modus Operandi (MO) of the suspects in these cases appear to be the same. In this burglary, the suspect entered the home through an open bathroom window, using a decorative rock that was placed near the window.

Investigation. It appears that these recent burglaries are associated in several ways - most commonly the means of entry that was used by the suspect(s). Suspect(s) used ladders or rocks to allow them to gain access through small windows that had been left ajar to allow for air flow. One of the three homes had an alarm system installed, but the alarm was not activated at the time of the crime. The property that was removed from the residences were all items that could easily be carried to a awaiting vehicle.

Our investigators are looking for information from neighbors who can aid us in solving these crimes. Residents in the affected areas are asked to review their home security systems. Please look for suspicious vehicles or persons in these neighborhoods at the times of these crimes. Please contact us if you have any information that would be helpful.

Prevention. This group of burglars have a distinctive method of entry. They enter the rear yard of the home through an unlocked side gate. They then use an object or ladder (if needed) to gain entry through small windows that may appear to be too small for an individual to gain entry through. Although the suspects ransack the interiors of the homes, they do not appear to spend too much time within the homes. The suspects remove jewelry and small electronics and then depart the home.



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Residents are asked to lock the side access gates to their home - forcing the suspects to climb the gates and draw additional attention to themselves by neighbors. All windows, even those that appear to be too small for a person to use to enter, should be closed and locked when residents are not home. Jewelry continues to be the prime target of our residential burglars. Jewelry that is of value should not be stored in the jewelry box. The jewelry box should be filled with costume jewelry to allow the suspects to leave with items they believe to be of value.

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
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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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