



City of Lafayette Police Department

Crime Bulletin

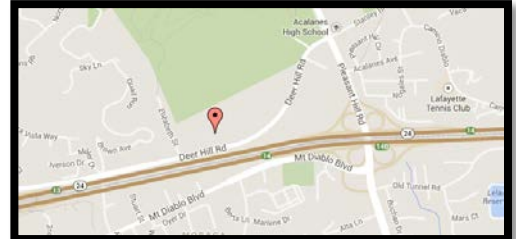
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Burglary Arrest

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.

This afternoon (5/13/14), one of our officers was on patrol when he noticed a car that seemed to be parked in an odd way in front of a residence on Deer Hill Road. The vehicle was parked at an angle, blocking the garage doors of the home. The officer blocked the road near the vehicle with his patrol car and radioed his location and the license plate of the vehicle. The officer believed there was an individual in the vehicle. As the officer exited his vehicle to approach the individual in the car, two subjects ran from the adjacent residence and entered the vehicle.



Believing that he had interrupted a residential burglary, the officer radioed an update and began the process of detaining the four individuals who were now in the vehicle. As officers responded to assist, Sheriff's Dispatch received a 911 call from the resident of the home. The resident, unaware that an officer was already in the driveway, reported that several subjects had forced entry to the home and were now inside her home. The resident had locked themselves in an interior bedroom and was in the process of barricading the bedroom door. The suspects likely did not realize that the home was occupied when they made entry by forcing the front door.



With the timing of the events, it's likely that the suspects within the home were alerted to the presence of the police officer by the two subjects in the vehicle - causing them to flee the home when they did.

Four subjects were arrested at the scene. Two of the arrested subjects live in Hayward, one in Oakland and the final suspect from East Palo Alto. Three of the subjects were currently on felony probation and one was currently out on bail from a previous arrest (not a Lafayette Arrest). All four were booked for burglary, conspiracy, and enhancements for committing crimes while on probation and bail. All four remain in custody at the jail.

Most importantly, our resident was unharmed (certainly shaken up) as a result of this incident.

The police department is looking for residents who may have seen this vehicle within the City today. Residents who have any information that may aid us in this investigation are asked to contact the police department.

Prevention. In this case, the resident had their front door locked and dead-bolted. Because of this, the resident was able to hear the suspects kicking on the door to make entry - giving the resident time to react. The resident likely did not hear the subjects ring the doorbell or knock on the door (to see if anyone was home). The resident did exactly what all of us should do in this situation, get to a place of safety and dial 911. If you are at home and a stranger knocks upon your door, announce your presence through the closed door. A typical ploy as of late is for the subjects to say they are lost and ask for directions to the freeway. If this occurs at your home, please give us a call immediately.

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