



City of Lafayette Police Department

Crime Bulletin

March 2015



Package Thefts

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

DR # 15-3808

On Thursday, March 5, 2015, officer responded to Greene Place for the report of a petty theft. Upon arrival, officers learned the resident had a package stolen from the front porch of their home.

The resident reported they had recently ordered an item from an on-line retailer. The package was reportedly delivered on 3/5/15. When the resident arrived home, they found the package was not on the porch. A check with other family members revealed that no one admitted to picking up the package and bringing it into the home. The resident became suspicious and reviewed their home surveillance system (a camera covers the front porch of the home).

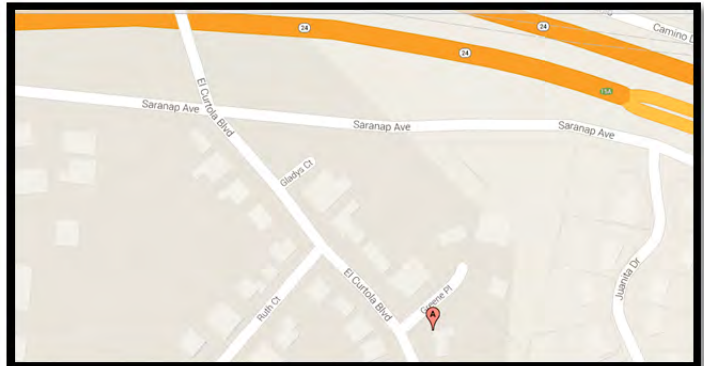
While reviewing their recordings, the resident observed a white mini-van stop at the top of their driveway. The van was driven by a heavy-set Hispanic male. The passenger, a Hispanic female, exited the vehicle and walked down the driveway to the front porch of the home. Without hesitation, the female grabbed the package from the porch and walked back to the waiting van. The van then departed the neighborhood.

Officers then compared the information provided by the resident with images captured on a nearby neighborhood camera system. Officers were able to locate an image of the suspect vehicle, which was affixed with the license plate - **CA 6SBZ093**. Officers are now doing follow-up to identify the driver and the passenger of the vehicle and recover the stolen property.

Investigators believe the suspects were following a delivery vehicle as it moved through the city on Thursday. Residents are asked to examine their package delivery schedules to identify if other packages were stolen that day. **Residents are asked to contact our Tip-Line (94549Tip@gmail.com) if additional packages were taken on that day. We are also asking residents to be on the lookout for this vehicle in their neighborhood.**

Vehicle Information
White, 2004, Ford Windstar Van
License: 6SBZ093

Residents who see this vehicle in their neighborhood are asked to contact Lafayette PD at (925) 284-5010 or via our Tip-Line at 94549Tip@gmail.com



Residential Camera Image



Neighborhood Camera Image

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Prevention. The delivery of an on-line purchase presents an opportunity for criminals to intercept your purchases once they are delivered. This is becoming a more frequent crime within our community. To protect your on-line deliveries, you should consider the following:

1. **Have packages delivered to where you are during the day.** Having a package delivered to your business address will prevent a crook from having access to your goods.
2. **Don't let packages sit on your porch for extended periods of time.**
3. **Help your neighbors by watching their home during the day.** If you know a neighbor will be at home, you may also ask them retrieve the package once it is delivered.
4. **Personalize your delivery.** Many delivery companies will let you schedule when the package is going to be delivered. Schedule the delivery to occur during a time you will be home. You can also ask your delivery company to place the package in a location that is not easily viewable from the street - behind a potted plant, behind a hedge, on the side of the house, etc.
5. **Track your packages and consider requesting that items be signed for.**

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.