



# City of Lafayette Police Department

# Crime Bulletin

April 2015



## Strong-arm Robbery

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 businesses about the incident and to obtain additional information to aid the police department in our investigation.

**DR # 15-6345 / DR # 15-6401**

On Thursday, April 16, 2015 at approximately 1:09 p.m. a woman entered a business in the 3500 Block of Mount Diablo Boulevard. The woman looked around the store and then grabbed several pairs of eyeglass frames that were on display within the business. The woman quickly exited the store and fled on foot, east-bound on Mount Diablo Boulevard. The woman stole merchandise with a value of \$ 1,200.00. Employees telephoned the police to report the crime.



Suspect vehicle drives near the business.

The following day, Friday, April 17, 2015 at 2:44 p.m. a male entered the same business while carrying an empty paper bag. The man immediately approached a display counter, grabbed several sets of eyeglass frames and placed them inside the paper bag. An employee saw the man grab for the items and attempted to ask the man what he was doing. The man pushed the employee out of his way, knocking her backwards into a display case. The man then fled the store with the stolen merchandise. An employee of the store began to run after the man, who ran to an awaiting vehicle at the intersection of Mt. Diablo Boulevard and Oak Hill Road. The man entered the vehicle and fled north-bound on Oak Hill Road. The employee who chased the suspect was able to provide a description of the vehicle and a partial license plate of the vehicle. The employee who had been pushed by the suspect was not seriously injured. The suspect escaped with \$ 2,800.00 in merchandise.



Investigators with the vehicle.

The employee provided the description of the vehicle to officers who began to search the area for the vehicle, which was not located. The exterior of the business is protected with a Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) system.

Investigators reviewed the images from the surveillance system and the images from a neighborhood camera in the area of the robbery. Officers were able to locate an image of a vehicle matching the description provided by the employee who had chased the suspect. The vehicle was identified as the vehicle that had been used in the strong-arm robbery. Local police agencies were notified about the vehicle and asked to stop the vehicle if they were to locate it. On Tuesday (4/21/15), the vehicle was located by officers from the Oakland Police Department. The vehicle and its occupants were detained while an LPD Officer responded to the scene. One of the individuals who had been in the car was identified as having been involved in both crimes and was arrested. The vehicle was impounded and transported to Lafayette for processing by our CSI personnel.

The suspect was interviewed by our investigators and admitted to his involvement in both thefts. During a search of the vehicle, investigators located evidence linking the suspect to both crimes. The suspect was transported and booked at the jail on robbery, burglary, and conspiracy charges. The suspect was currently on probation for theft. Detectives have now identified the remaining two suspects from both incidents.

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**Investigation.** Our investigators are seeking information from witnesses who may have seen either the male or the female suspect as they fled the business. Residents or visitors who saw the suspect(s) are asked to contact our investigators. Our investigators will now be working to get the remaining suspects into custody.

**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](mailto: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](http://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.**