



City of Lafayette Police Department

Crime Bulletin

July 2014



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.

At 11:30 on July 22 (Tuesday), officers were dispatched to an alarm at a residence on Toledo Drive (Happy Valley Neighborhood). As officers responded to the residence, the owner of the home telephoned our dispatch center. Our resident was on vacation on the East Coast. The resident identified that his home alarm system was equipped with a function that allowed him to see images of the interior of the home when the alarm was activated. The resident reported that there was a masked subject inside his home, which he assumed to be a burglar. With this additional information, officers from the City of Orinda responded as well.

Upon their arrival at the residence, officers searched the interior of the residence and the surrounding properties. Officers were unable to locate a suspect, but found that the home been burglarized. Our Crime Scene Investigators found evidence to indicate the suspect had attempted to force entry through two points of the residence, but was apparently unable to gain entry. The suspect then used an unknown object to shatter a glass door at the rear of the residence to gain entry.

The owner of the home e-mailed officers the photos that he had received of the suspect from his alarm system. Officers conducted a neighborhood canvass and were unable to locate any neighbor who had seen or heard anything during the time of the burglary.

Officers at the scene then contacted the administrator of the community camera system that serves this neighborhood. The neighbors in this area had installed a video camera that captured the images of vehicles as they entered or exited their community. This information was provided to our officers, which allowed our investigators an opportunity to see all of the vehicles as they entered and exited the neighborhood. These images were then cross-referenced with the neighborhood camera system that serves this area, identifying the vehicles that had come and gone from the neighborhood.

While some investigators worked to identify the specific vehicle involved in the theft, another investigator worked with the images provided from the community system. Because of the definition of the system, our investigator was able to match the clothing worn by the driver of a specific vehicle to the clothing worn by the suspect when burglarizing the home. This vehicle matched the suspect vehicle developed by the other investigatory team.

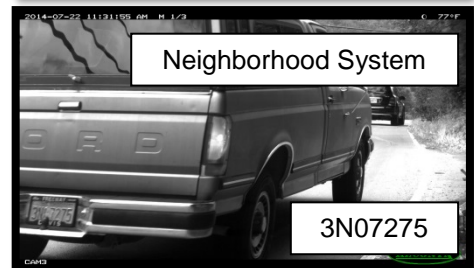
An advisory alert was then sent to residents using the Nixle System as we wanted to prevent additional burglaries by sharing what we knew so far.



Residential System



Community System



Neighborhood System

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Armed with a photo of the disguised suspect and the information obtained about the vehicle, our investigators traveled to the Central Valley in an attempt to locate the vehicle and the suspect. There, our investigators learned the suspect vehicle had been sold the day prior to a buyer from Walnut Creek. After a quick return trip, our investigators located the suspect vehicle at a residence. While awaiting additional officers, the suspect exited the residence and entered the vehicle as if to depart the residence. The suspect was taken into custody without incident by our investigators.

During a search, our investigators were able to locate property from the burglary, clothing items worn by the suspect during the burglary, and a variety of narcotics. All items that may not have been found a day or two later. The suspect was transported to the jail in Martinez and booked for a variety of charges, including residential burglary.

Our investigators will now begin the process of collecting additional information and processing items of evidence to allow for the case to be presented to the District Attorney for prosecution of the suspect.

From our investigation, we know the suspect entered the Happy Valley Neighborhood at 10:25 a.m. using Upper Happy Valley Road. The suspect entered the Toledo Drive Neighborhood at 11:15 a.m. We are asking neighbors to check their residential and community camera systems to see if the suspect vehicle was in their neighborhoods during this time period. Neighbors in this area who may have seen the suspect / suspect vehicle are also asked to contact our investigators.

Prevention. In this case, everything seemed to work in textbook fashion. Prior to leaving on their trip, the neighbor asked another neighbor to check on their home. The owner took the time to hide the valuable items of jewelry, leaving other items in the jewelry box, just in case something did happen. The owner had installed an alarm system that not only alerted the police to a problem, but also allowed the resident to see what was going on in the home when the alarm sounded. This provided us with the time of the incident and more information than we normally would have had in this type of case. This neighbor had joined with other neighbors to install a community camera system. The administrator of this system knew that when officers asked for information from the system, that we needed it immediately. Because we were able to get this information in a timely manner, we were able to act on the information it provided. We were then able to research the neighborhood cameras in the area, locating the suspect vehicle and its license plate.

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.

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