



City of Lafayette Police Department

Crime Bulletin

July 2015



Suspect Search

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 # 15-11247

On 7/8/15, Lafayette Officers were dispatched to the report of a suspicious vehicle in the community park. A passerby reported there were two subjects sleeping in an older black convertible. Upon the arrival of officers, they located the vehicle and made contact with a male and female subject. Officers completed a records check on the pair, discovering the female had a warrant for her arrest. Shortly after placing the female subject under arrest, officers radioed they were in a physical confrontation with the male suspect, who then fled into the nearby wood line. Additional officers from Lafayette, Orinda and Moraga responded to assist the officers at the park.



Because the incident occurred at the community park where children's programs were underway, the facility was placed into a lockdown. As officers responded to the scene to establish a perimeter to contain the suspect, an officer was assigned to the community center - to ensure the safety of the occupants. Children who were involved in programs in the park (away from the perimeter area) were allowed to continue their activities with officers nearby. Staff members from the community center were updated on the progress of the search throughout the incident.



Officers established a perimeter for the suspect while awaiting the arrival of a police canine team and air support. Meanwhile, officers interviewed the female subject and discovered the vehicle had a punched ignition, it's VIN plate had been removed and the license plates belonging to a completely different vehicle attached to it - all indicators of a stolen vehicle. Officers were able to identify the male subject, who had provided officers with a false name. Neither of the officers who initially contacted the suspect suffered serious injury during the confrontation.



Officers searched the area of the park where the suspect was believed to be. They then obtained information that the suspect had eluded the perimeter and was approximately 1/4 mile to the south of the park. Officers responded to the end of Driftwood Drive, where the suspect was seen jumping fences of nearby homes. Officers established a second perimeter to contain the suspect while canine and air resources were used for the search. Officers went through the neighborhood, checking the welfare of residents in the neighborhood where the suspect was last seen. After an extensive search, the suspect was not located and is believed to have fled the area.

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Our CSI personnel responded to the scene to process the suspect vehicle. One of our CSI personnel alerted investigators of the association of the vehicle and the suspects to a previous crime in the city. Investigators had previously linked these suspects to the theft of \$50,000 in property from a vacant home in May. While searching the vehicle, our CSI personnel located property they believed was related to the theft. The owner of the property later identified it as having been taken from his home during the theft.

During the evening of 7/8/15, a resident reported one of their vehicles had been stolen. This was the same neighborhood where the suspect had eluded capture the day prior.

On 7/9/15, investigators developed information indicating the suspect intended to return to the residence where the vehicle had been stolen from. Investigators set up surveillance in the area. The suspect returned to the neighborhood as expected. As officers attempted to stop the suspect, the suspect rammed a patrol vehicle with his car to escape. The suspect then fled the area in his vehicle. Officers lost sight of the vehicle and officers began to search the area for the suspect and his vehicle. A resident telephoned our dispatch center to report the suspect was at their home. As officers arrived, the suspect fled the area on foot through the thick vegetation. Helicopter and canine units were used again to search for the suspect, but were unable to locate him. The vehicle that was stolen from the Lafayette home was recovered.

On 7/10/15, Lafayette Investigators obtained an arrest warrant for the suspect. Officers are now searching for the suspect.

Investigation. Our investigators are now working to verify if the vehicle from the first search is an unreported stolen vehicle and if the remaining property found in the suspect vehicle is from other area thefts. **Residents who believe they have information regarding this vehicle or these suspects are asked to contact our investigators. Residents who may have video of the suspect running through their yards or property are also asked to contact our investigators.**

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.

The City of Lafayette is currently seeing an increase in the number of auto burglaries within our community. Auto burglars are just like the bears in our National Parks. If you feed them, they are likely to come back a second, third, or fourth time. By leaving items of value for burglars to steal, you increase the risk of others being victimized as well. It takes just a few seconds to significantly reduce the risk of being a victim of this **PREVENTABLE** crime.



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