

Information:

- Sergeant Bud Blaylock attended (new head of Community Resource Officer Program)
 - He has two (2) officers working for him in the district that we are in. (This is a limited amount considering the area that they cover).
- Suspicious activity needs to be reported through 911.
 - If you think something does not look right, it probably isn't.
- All incidents need to be followed up with an actual police report
- If your car is rifled through, file a report and request CSI - Crime Scene Investigators - to investigate even if nothing has been taken.
- If the burglary is not in process, it may take the PD (Police Dept.) several hours to respond, or a phone call may be made to you rather than an actual presence of the PD. In any case, request CSI to come out.
- If the burglary is in process, try not to disturb the perpetrator. Try to watch him while on the phone with dispatch (911) so that you can give an accurate description (take picture if possible) and note the direction he is heading.

Precautions:

- "Lock your vehicles"
- Remove valuables from your vehicles
- Record serial numbers of your valuables for identification purposes
- Install motion lights - You can purchase a motion detector that has a door chime. This would alert you of someone entering your driveway or a certain area you wanted to protect. There are also motion lights that have built in cameras hidden in them.
- Be a good neighbor/witness - Talk with your neighbors - especially those who do not have computers.
- **Walkers should carry cell phones** and call 911 with suspicious activity

Suggestions for Helping the Police Catch this Culprit:

- Organize neighbors who would be willing to drive through the neighborhood - Neighborhood Patrol - Not to confront the individual, but to follow at a safe distance and notify the PD. **(More on this to follow. Notify Eric Patton if you are interested in helping with this task) (epatton@rfmd.com).**
- Call/Write City Council to set aside funds for the PD for additional staff. The results would take up to 2 years for the City to actually notice the presence of the added personnel. However, we have to start this process sometime, and the sooner the better.
- Set up some type of sting operation, in which an item is placed for the taking. The item would have a hidden GPS installed.

A photo was shown by Officer Blaylock of an individual he stopped for questioning the morning of Dec. 20th.

The actual charge for an individual breaking into a car could be a felony - if their intent is to actually steal something.

When the individual is arrested, all who have been victimized should press charges.