

Community Crime Alert / Tire Slashes

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Incident: Community Crime Alert / Tire Slashes

Contact: Watch Commander, 805-339-4416

Location: Poli & Ferro Dr.

Date/Time Occurred: November 6, 2014, 11:59 p.m. 8:00 a.m.

Officer(s) Involved: Patrol

Suspect(s): Unknown

Report #: 14-14200, 14202, 14204

Narrative:

Overnight our department saw an increase in the number of Vehicle Vandalisms, specifically tire slashes, in the area of Poli St. and Ferro Dr. During the nighttime hours 16 vehicles in this area had their tires slashed. Of the 16 incidents: The vast majority of the vehicles had all 4 tires punctured with a sharp object.

It is believed that the individuals committing the crimes may vary from re-offending parolees, juveniles, and drug offenders. In this case there may only be one suspect responsible for the commission of the crimes however, it is also common wherein individuals work in groups.

Naturally, nobody is immune to crime but there are steps you can take to decrease your chances of becoming a victim and to help increase the vigilance within our community.

First and foremost, we urge community members to be observant and to immediately report any and all suspicious activity to us at 805-650-8010 (24 hr. non-emergency number) or 911 in the event of an emergency.

Do not leave your garage door open or unlocked if you are not in the immediate area.

Set your alarm if you have one.

Lighting is one of the best deterrents to property crimes - outdoor lighting is important.

Talk to your family, friends, and neighbors and get involved in a Neighborhood Watch program. In an effort to facilitate a virtual Neighborhood Watch program and help foster neighbor-to-neighbor communications, our department has partnered with Nextdoor.com, a private social network for neighborhoods. Information on Nextdoor.com is available on the department's website at www.venturapd.org.

View various Calls For Service via the department's Interactive Crime Map at: www.cityofventura.net/pd/crime/calls

Connect and keep up with our department as we issue crime alerts, press releases, crime maps, and other valuable crime and safety information by following us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/venturapd, or visit our website at: www.venturapd.org.

Working together we can make a difference in our community.

The investigation into this incident is ongoing. Anyone with information related to this incident is urged to call the Ventura Police Department at 339-4309