

MEMORIAL VILLAGES POLICE

CRIME ANALYSIS SUMMARY

January 31st through February 6th 2014

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713-365-3700

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BUNKER HILL

On February 1st an officer stopped a vehicle in the 12200 block of Rip Van Winkle for a traffic violation. During the traffic stop the driver was found to be in possession of marijuana. The driver was placed under arrest for possession of marijuana.

On February 1st an officer responded to the 11700 block of Taylorcrest in reference to an identity theft. Unknown person used the victim's credit card information to purchase items online. This case is currently under investigation.

On February 2nd an officer responded to the 11700 block of Broken Bough Circle in reference to an identity theft. An unknown person used the victim's credit card information at various locations. This case is currently under investigation.

On February 3rd an officer responded to the 200 block of Plantation Road in reference to a theft at a construction site. The suspect stole 3 doors from a residence under construction. This case is currently under investigation.

On February 6th an officer responded to the 11700 block of Flintwood Drive in reference to an identity theft. An unknown person used the victim's information to open an online account. This case is currently under investigation.

PINEY POINT

No activity to report.

HUNTERS CREEK

On January 31st an officer responded to a residence on Glendenning in reference to an identity theft. The victim's information was used to open an online account. This case is currently under investigation.

On February 1st an officer observed a subject walking with extreme difficulty in the 8300 block of Katy Frwy. The officer contacted the person and found the subject to be intoxicated to the point of being a danger to himself and others. The subject was placed under arrest for public intoxication.

On February 1st an officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation in the 8400 block of Katy Frwy. During the traffic stop the driver was found to be driving with an invalid driver's license. The driver was placed under arrest for driving while license invalid.

On February 2nd an officer responded to the 200 block of Fleetway in reference to a theft that occurred between 01/31/14 at 6 pm - 02/01/14 at 3:30 pm. This case is currently under investigation.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Financial crimes involving credit card fraud and identity theft are some of the fastest growing crimes in our society today. With the continuous expansion of the internet and the amount of information that is available through it, criminals have gained a fertile source of information to use in victimizing unsuspecting citizens. This week's recommendations will help to protect you from becoming a victim of this type of crime.

It is very important that you be very careful about safeguarding any of your personal or financial information that you place on or access from any internet site. Be sure that when making on-line purchases that the site has safeguards to keep unauthorized persons from entering the site and monitoring transactions to obtain credit card or bank account information. One of the best ways to do this is to use the website to shop the retailer's advertisements and then use their toll free telephone number to call in an order if you will be using a credit card or bank debit card to make the purchase. While this method is not an absolute safeguard it does limit the ability of unauthorized persons to monitor your purchases and payment information.

If you do use your credit or bank debit cards to make on-line purchases be sure to closely monitor your accounts for any unauthorized or questionable transactions. If you have a question regarding any transaction contact the customer service department of that account IMMEDIATELY. This will help to limit the financial damage if an unauthorized person has somehow gained access to the account and made unauthorized transactions.

It is also strongly recommended that you do not apply for any credit card based on a pop-up or unsolicited e-mail advertisement that you receive over the internet. Criminals have been known to set up counterfeit sites that appear to be an advertisement from a legitimate credit card company but modify it so that the information goes to a site that they control. These ads will usually offer exceptional interest rates or some other enticement to get you to fill out the application. When you fill out this application they then have enough information to apply for all sorts of credit as well as opening other types of accounts in your name. If this happens it can take months even years to locate and correct the damage that can be done to your credit rating by the unauthorized purchases and loans that they will make using these accounts.

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