



# Palos Verdes Estates Police Department

## WEEKLY CRIME REPORT

### March 27 – April 2, 2023

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## ARREST

**3-25-23**                      **Arrest – Impaired Driver**                      **2400 Block, Palos Verdes Drive West**

At approximately 2:34 AM, officers conducted a traffic stop of a male driver, a front female passenger and a rear female passenger. The investigation led to the arrest of the male driver for DUI.

**3-27-23**                      **Arrest – Impaired Driver**                      **3300 Block, Palos Verdes Drive North**

At approximately 11:46 PM, an officer conducted a traffic stop of a female driver and a female passenger. The investigation led to the arrest of the female driver for DUI.

**3-30-23**                      **Arrest – Impaired Driver**                      **3900 Block, Palos Verdes Drive North**

At approximately 12:57 AM, officers conducted a traffic stop. The investigation led to the arrest of the female driver for DUI.

**3-31-23**                      **Arrest – Drugs**                      **Paseo Lunado & Via Anacapa**

At approximately 8:26 AM, an officer conducted a traffic stop of a male driver and a front female passenger. The investigation led to the arrest of the male driver for possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, and a no bail warrant.

## BURGLARY

**3-22-23**                      **Burglary Report**                      **1700 Block, Via Arriba**

Sometime between 11 AM and 4:30 PM, unknown suspect(s) smashed a rear sliding glass door by unknown means, entered and ransacked victim's residence, removed jewelry from the master bedroom, and fled the area undetected.

## THEFT

**3-17-23**                      **Scam Theft**                      **2400 Block, Via Sonoma**

On Wednesday, 2/15, unknown suspect(s) posed as an artist on Instagram and contacted victim via Instagram message—asking to use a photo the victim posted online for an art project. Suspect(s) sent victim a fraudulent electronic check in an amount greater than agreed upon. Suspects(s) then scammed the victim into sending money back via online cash app. The suspect's check was returned (bounced) and the victim lost the money sent.

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## **THEFT** *(Continued)*

### **3-27-23                      Identify Theft    2100 Block, Palos Verdes Drive West**

On Tuesday, 3/21/23, the victim noticed payments were made to AT&T and Geico Insurance, two services she doesn't have. Unknown suspect(s) gained access to victim's bank account and withdrew \$5K and made personal payments.

### **3-29-23                      Identity Theft / Forgery    1500 Block, Paseo Del Mar**

On 3/5/ or 3/6, the victim mailed a check for a large amount in the US Postal Mailbox in the 2500 Block of Via Tejon. On 3/28, he was notified by his bank that his check had been altered and deposited in Riverside County.  
*We recommend always dropping off your checks with the US Postal clerks INSIDE the US Post Office.*

### **3-31-23                      Catalytic Converter (Grand Theft)    3400 Block, La Selva Place**

On Friday, 3/17 at approximately 3 PM, the victim parked and secured her Honda vehicle. On Wednesday, 3/29 at approximately 7:30 AM, the victim started her vehicle and immediately noticed that it sounded different. Unknown suspect(s) removed victim's catalytic converter from vehicle and fled the location undetected.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **3-30-23                      Vandalism    100 Block, Rocky Point Road**

Between Wednesday, 3/29 in the evening and Thursday, 3/30 at approximately 9 AM, unknown suspect(s) vandalized the victim's vehicle by etching profanities on the hood. The suspect(s) fled the area undetected.

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