



Palos Verdes Estates Police Department

Weekly Crime Report

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ARRESTS

07-17-2024 Pursuit ending with Hit & Run

300 BLK PALOS VERDES DRIVE WEST

At approximately 12:30 AM, Redondo Beach PD officers pursued a vehicle stolen from Gardena into PVE. The pursuit ended when the fleeing vehicle hit a fire hydrant in Malaga Cove, disabling the vehicle. The driver fled on foot, and a multi-agency search, including a helicopter, was conducted, but the suspect was not found. The outside agencies discontinued the search after concluding the suspect likely escaped. PV officers continued to patrol the area and search throughout the night. The next morning, a passerby reported seeing a man hiding underneath some bushes in a front yard. Officers responded and arrested the man. Another great example of "if you see something, say something."

**Between the time the suspect fled after hitting the fire hydrant and when he was captured the following morning, the investigation has connected him to several of the below reports of grand theft auto, attempted grand theft auto, and hit & run.*

07-18-2024 Impaired Driver

VIA CORONEL & PALOS VERDES DRIVE WEST

At approximately 12:00 AM, an officer conducted a traffic stop for wrong-way driving. The officer conducted a DUI investigation, and the driver was arrested for driving under the influence.

07-18-2024 Impaired Driver

300 BLK VIA CORTA

At approximately 4:20 AM, an officer conducted a traffic stop for a moving violation. The officer conducted a DUI investigation, and the driver was arrested for driving under the influence.

THIS WEEK'S CRIMES

07-17-2024 Grand Theft Auto & Hit & Run (See above 7-17 Pursuit)

VIA HORCADA

At approximately 7:51 AM, an officer responded to a hit-and-run traffic collision involving a stolen vehicle. The vehicle was stolen the same night from the same street and crashed while attempting to flee, leaving the vehicle inoperable. The suspect fled the scene prior to the officer's arrival. *The investigation is ongoing, but investigators have reason to believe the person responsible is the same person arrested from the 7-17 pursuit above.*

07-17-2024 Attempted Grand Theft Auto (See above 7-17 Pursuit)

400 BLK VIA ALMAR

Sometime between 07-16-24 at approximately 5:30 PM and 07-17-24 at approximately 5:30 AM, unknown suspect(s) manipulated/vandalized victim's vehicle by entering the vehicle and breaking the key ignition in an attempt to take the vehicle. *The investigation is ongoing, but investigators have reason to believe the person responsible is the same person arrested from the 7-17 pursuit above.*

07-17-2024 Attempted Grand Theft Auto (See above 7-17 Pursuit)

500 BLK VIA ALMAR

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07-17-2024 Attempted Grand Theft Auto (See above 7-17 Pursuit) 400 BLK VIA MEDIA

Sometime between 07-16-24 at approximately 6:00 PM and 07-17-24 at approximately 6:00 AM, unknown suspect(s) manipulated/vandalized victim's vehicle by entering the vehicle and breaking the key ignition in an attempt to take the vehicle. *The investigation is ongoing, but investigators have reason to believe the person responsible is the same person arrested from the 7-17 pursuit above.*

07-17-2024 Attempted Grand Theft Auto (See above 7-17 Pursuit) 400 BLK VIA MEDIA

Sometime between 07-13-24 and 07-19-24, unknown suspect(s) manipulated/vandalized victim's vehicle by entering the vehicle and breaking the key ignition in an attempt to take the vehicle. *The investigation is ongoing, but investigators have reason to believe the person responsible is the same person arrested from the 7-17 pursuit above.*

07-17-2024 Vandalism 1300 BLK PASEO DEL MAR

At approximately 5:30 PM, unknown suspect(s) used spray paint to deface an electrical box near the 1300 block turnout and fled the area undetected.

07-19-2024 Burglary & Forgery 1300 BLK VIA GABRIEL

Checkbook stolen from victim's residence and fraudulent check written / forged.

07-21-2024 Vehicle Burglary 2500 BLK VIA RIVERA

Sometime overnight between 7-20-24 and 7-21-24, unknown suspect(s) used an unknown tool to punch door lock on victim's vehicle. Suspect(s) also broke front passenger window of victim's vehicle and removed items.

07-21-2024 Attempted Vehicle Burglary 2500 BLK VIA RIVERA

Sometime overnight between 7-20-24 and 7-21-24, unknown suspect(s) used an unknown tool to punch door lock on victim's vehicle. Nothing taken.

OTHER INCIDENTS

07-19-2024 Cliff Incident 1600 BLK PASEO DEL MAR

At approximately 3:40 PM, an officer responded to a 9-1-1 call of a vehicle driven off the cliff. Officers located a vehicle upside down at the bottom of the cliff, partially submerged in the water. Officers descended the cliffside to assess and located the driver alive. The officers rendered aid until LA County Fire responded and transported the driver by helicopter to UCLA Medical Center for treatment.

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