



Twice-Monthly Patrol Report filed by WDDNA's Off-Duty Sheriff's Deputies

## PATROL DEPUTY REPORTS

Past Two Weeks Reported in Chronological Order



### WDDNA members help recover a stolen truck

The night of Wednesday, March 2, a burglar or burglars broke into a home in the 1100 block of McClaren Drive, entering through the side door of the garage. The owner of the home had previously passed away, but his son reported that the burglar(s) stole some computer equipment and two vehicles: a green 1968 Plymouth Fury and a blue 1976 Ford Courier. The report was taken by WDDNA's regular Thursday deputy, Sgt. Ray Forsyth, who included it in his daily log. (See the March 3 report below.)

When WDDNA's communications manager saw the report Friday morning, March 4, she alerted one of the association's board members – Maria Talcott – who happens to live in the same block. Talcott immediately shared the news with other residents on the block. One of those neighbors quickly responded that he knew the cars and had spotted what looked like the stolen Ford Courier parked on Piccadilly Circle, west of Jesuit High School.

WDDNA instantly alerted our Friday deputy, who drove to Piccadilly Circle, found the truck and confirmed that it was the stolen vehicle. He contacted the victim, who came and recovered the truck.

We congratulate all involved. Although the crime, itself, is still being investigated by the Sheriff's Department, the recovery of the truck reminds us once again of the power of neighborhood vigilance and cooperation and the value of our WDDNA patrols and communications network.

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**Wednesday Day, Feb. 23**

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 29 listed vacation watch checks. All homes were secure.

I responded to burglar alarms in the 4100 block of Puente Way and the 400 block of Gaylord Court. Both were false.

I monitored the park and all the river access points and all were quiet.

**Thursday Day, Feb. 24**

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 33 listed vacation watch checks. All homes were secure.

There was no school in session at Rio Americano High School, so traffic was light.

I received emails about car break-ins on Philomone Court and Day Drive early this morning. The cars had been ransacked, but nothing was taken. A Ring video revealed a man trying vehicle doors in the neighborhood around 3 a.m. He was white, from 30 to 50 years old, wearing a black-and-gray hooded sweatshirt, blue running pants and black-and-white shoes. No vehicles were seen.

A vehicle that had been damaged in a traffic accident was parked on Exmoor. The parking enforcement detail cited it and referred it to the code enforcement unit for towing. The owner moved it out of the neighborhood later in the day.

**Friday Day, Feb. 25**

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 35 listed vacation watch checks. All homes were secure.

Several people were walking around the neighborhood. Traffic was lighter than usual and the high school was not in session.

**Saturday, Feb. 26**

I started my shift by driving around while it was still dark. I noticed a home off Shelato Way had toilet paper all over the front yard. I informed the resident, who was not aware of the situation.

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 30 listed vacation watch checks. Most homes were secure. One had an unsecured sliding glass door. There was no damage to the door or anything out of the ordinary. To be safe, I had another patrol unit assist me with clearing the interior of the house to ensure that no one was inside. Then I secured the home. The homeowner had not listed a local contact in the request form, but I found a note with contact information they had left for their house sitter, so I was able to reach them and inform them of the situation.

I received an email from a resident who had found a black purse in the gutter off McClaren Drive. I collected the purse, which contained important cards, keys and a California driver's license. I determined that the owner lived in the area and returned it to her.

I received a report that a vehicle had been parked in the same place off Sand Bar Circle for more than three days. I determined that it belonged to a resident on the same street. I tried to contact the owner, but nobody was home. So, I alerted the parking enforcement unit to put a 72-hour notice on the vehicle.

Around 1:50 p.m. I was on Haggin Grove Way when a couple drove up and waved me

down. They said that their vehicle had been broken into at the Harrington Way American River Parkway access. They said the suspect(s) had already fled across the river and attempted to use their credit cards. Because the parkway is under the jurisdiction of the Park rangers, I offered to get a ranger dispatched to the location. However, they chose to go home, so I gave them the non-emergency number they could use to file a report.

This incident is a reminder that one should never leave anything of value in plain view in a parked car.

### **Sunday, Feb. 27**

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 28 listed vacation watch checks. All homes were secure.

I responded to a complaint of a Ford pickup truck with an expired registration that had been parked on the street on Sand Bar Circle for three days. I talked to a neighbor who noted that the truck belonged to a neighbor and had been damaged by a tree limb that fell on it while the truck was parked in the owner's driveway. The owner had moved it onto the street so he could clean up the fallen limb. The neighbor agreed to talk to the owner when he got home and advise him to either get the truck off the street or get it registered.

### **Monday, Feb. 28**

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 18 listed vacation watch checks. All homes were secure.

I received a complaint from a resident about an old weathered vehicle parked in the 4800 block of Keane Drive that hadn't moved in a while. I determined that the vehicle had a current registration and belonged to the person living in the home where it was parked. I spoke to the homeowner and told her that neighbors were complaining about the vehicle. She said she would have it moved.

Towards the end of my shift, I responded to a report of a homeless woman in front of Del Dayo Elementary School. I determined that she was lost and confused. I transported her out of the neighborhood.

### **Monday Night, Feb. 28-March 1**

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 15 listed vacation watch checks. All homes were secure.

I checked the river access points and Ashton Park, but observed no people loitering.

I responded to a burglar alarm off Tree Side Drive. I checked the exterior and found nothing suspicious, so I contacted the resident. She told me that she had accidentally triggered the alarm and thanked me for a quick response.

I patrolled the major intersections and cited a driver for running the stop sign in front of Rio Americano High School.

Otherwise, it was a quiet night.

### **Tuesday, March 1**

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 11 listed vacation watch checks. All homes were secure.

I responded to a report from a resident on Keane that a confused woman was in front of their house. They recognized the woman as one of their neighbors and were able to convince her to return home before I could arrive.

I was waved down near the Harrison Access about a suspect breaking into a tool shed under the American River bridge at Watt Avenue. I responded to the area and spoke with several cyclists but observed nothing suspicious.

I monitored the stop sign at Jacob and Keane and stopped one driver, who turned out to be from out of town and was lost.

### **Tuesday-Wednesday 10 p.m.-4 a.m., March 1-2**

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 10 listed vacation watch checks. All homes were secure.

There were lots of people out walking their dogs this evening. I spoke to a number of people I encountered while on my rounds.

There were no issues at the schools or the river access points. It was a very peaceful night in the neighborhood.

### **Thursday Day, March 3**

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 12 listed vacation watch checks. All homes were secure.

I received an email about vehicles blowing through the stop sign at Wilhaggin and Sydling. I stopped one such driver and issued a warning.

I took a burglary report in the 1100 block of McClaren Drive. The burglary took place around 8 p.m. March 2 at the home of the victim's deceased father. The thief or thieves took computer equipment and stole two vehicles from the garage and driveway: a green 1968 Plymouth Fury and a blue 1976 Ford Courier. Entry to the house was through a side garage door. A neighbor heard what sounded like a police siren at the time of the theft, but did not investigate. Camera footage revealed what looked like a white male adult wearing a light hooded sweatshirt and dark pants approaching the house several times just before the theft. No one else was seen or heard.

### **Friday Day, March 4**

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 12 listed vacation watch checks. All homes were secure.

I received an email regarding a vehicle parked on the wrong side of the street on Bailey Way. I cited the vehicle, which appeared to belong to a high school student.

I responded to a report that a car that had been stolen from a home in the 1100 block of McClaren the night of March 2, had been seen parked on Piccadilly Circle. I located the vehicle and confirmed that it was the same blue 1976 Ford Courier that had been stolen. I contacted the victim, who arrived and recovered the truck. I checked the area to determine if any security cameras on the street had captured images of the vehicle being left there, but found none.

### **Saturday Night, March 5-6**

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 18 listed vacation watch checks. All homes were secure.

There were lots of people out walking about.

During one vacation check, a neighbor drove out of his garage and told me that he had been tasked to gather his neighbor's newspapers while they were away. After our conversation they drove away to run some errands. While I was walking back to my patrol car I noticed that their garage door didn't close. I was able to catch up to the them to

advise them of the problem. They were grateful and returned home to secure the garage.

Before completing my shift, I cleared out 15 carloads of teens from the parking lot at Rio Americano High School.

### **Sunday, March 6**

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 21 listed vacation watch checks. All homes were secure.

I responded to a report of an incomplete 911 call that included the sound of a child's voice on the phone. I attempted to contact the resident, but no one answered the door. The exterior appeared secure and there was no vehicle in the driveway. I returned later and a woman came to the door. She told me she had been sleeping when I was there the first time. She said she had no child in her home and did not call 911.

It was busy today, with many dog walkers, an estate sale, lots of parking traffic on American River Drive and young ladies selling Girl Scout cookies.

### **Monday, March 7**

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 21 listed vacation watch checks. All homes were secure.

Today was a breezy sunny day.

I was dispatched to an incomplete 911 call in the 1300 block of Los Rio Drive. While en route, I called the number and a man answered, stating that he needed an ambulance for his wife. A fire department unit was arriving while I was speaking to him.

I responded to a burglar alarm in the 4200 block of Stowe Way. It was cancelled before I arrived.

Dispatch advised me of reports of a naked man walking on Garfield at Fair Oaks Boulevard. I helped patrol check the area. CHP located the man and determined that he needed medical attention. He was transported to the hospital.

### **Monday Night, March 7-8**

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 24 listed vacation watch checks. All homes were secure.

The parks and levee access points checked clear. I monitored intersections for traffic violations, but it was a very quiet night with no cars driving around.

### **Tuesday-Wednesday 10 p.m.-4 a.m., March 8-9**

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 23 listed vacation watch checks. All homes were secure.

There were very few people and vehicles out tonight. Rio Americano High School and the river access points were clear.

### **Wednesday Day, March 9**

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 12 listed vacation watch checks. All homes were secure.

### **Thursday Day, March 10**

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 28 listed vacation watch checks. All homes were secure.

I drove by Rio Americano High School and observed several parking violations. I advised the parking enforcement detail to respond and cite the vehicles as appropriate.

I monitored traffic at Wilhaggin and Sydling. I stopped two vehicles. In one case, I warned the driver about failing to make a complete stop at the stop sign. I cited the second driver for driving without a license and failing to stop at the stop sign. A family member with a valid driver's license showed up to drive the vehicle away.

## ***CRIME MAP***

To see locations of crimes reported to the Sheriff's Department in our neighborhood and nearby areas, click on the button which will take you directly to the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department website and its crime report map.

CRIME MAP

## ***HOW TO CALL FOR HELP***

### **IN AN EMERGENCY**

If you have an immediate emergency - if your life or property is in immediate danger, if you feel threatened by someone on or near your property, if you have just become the victim of a crime or if you are witnessing a crime in progress:

- CALL 911 from a land line.
- Or, if calling from a cell phone within Sacramento County, call (916) 874-5111.

### **TO REPORT A CRIME**

There are two ways to report a crime to the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department:

1. Call the Sheriff's Department NON-EMERGENCY LINE at (916) 874-5115. To bypass the recorded messaging when you call, dial 0 after the line is answered.
2. File a report online through the Sheriff's Department website. Click on this link to begin the process: [https://www.sacsheriff.com/pages/crime\\_report.php](https://www.sacsheriff.com/pages/crime_report.php)

### **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY (Not an emergency)**

If you see someone engaged in suspicious activity but it is not an emergency, call 916-874-5115 (Sheriff's Department non-emergency line).

### **GENERAL CONCERNS, REPORTS OR QUESTIONS**

If you have an issue that can be addressed later, you may contact our neighborhood patrol officers about it. Go to WilhagginNA.com, log in, then go to the Members Only menu and click on Contact Patrol Officer.

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