



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

PATROL DEPUTY REPORTS

Past Two Weeks Reported in Chronological Order

Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m.-4 a.m., Aug. 11-12

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 42 vacation watch checks. All homes appeared secure.

Because I worked at night, I noted that many of the vacation homes lacked lighting and some had delivered packages visible on porches. Both of these issues are a signal to potential burglars that nobody is home. While you are away from home, you should be sure your porch is lighted at night and that you put some interior lights on timers to suggest that you are home. In addition, you should have packages held or delivered to an alternate address.

I replied to a member's request for traffic monitoring on Ashton Drive north of the park. I parked outside of the member's home to illustrate a patrol response.

I monitored a transient as he walked east on Fair Oaks Boulevard. He stopped multiple times at residential fences and walls. While I did not observe a crime, it is a reminder that those who live in close proximity to major thoroughfares should take security measures to reduce crimes of opportunity.

I checked the parks and river access points throughout the night. All were quiet.

Saturday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Aug. 12

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 41 vacation watch checks. All homes appeared secure.

NOTE: It is important to be as accurate as possible about your departure and return times when you schedule a vacation watch. This will prevent a deputy walking around your home while you are there.

I responded to several emails from homeowners. One asked that I dispose of a hypodermic needle they found in their flower bed. I retrieved the needle.

I checked the river access points, schools and parks.

I responded to a window break alarm at a home on the vacation watch list. There were no windows broken and no signs of an attempt to gain entry. I called the homeowner and advised him of what appeared to be a false alarm.

I responded to American River Drive between Jesuit and Rio Americano high schools. There was a report of a man running through the neighborhood who appeared to be homeless and suffering from mental health or drug issues. The man was detained and transported for observation.

I received an email from a member on American River Drive reporting a reckless teenage driver. She had followed his car and provided the license plate number and the address of the home where he parked. I drove to that street, but did not find the car.

Monday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 14

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 31 vacation watch checks. All homes appeared secure.

I followed up on the report of a reckless teenage driver. I went to the address and spoke to the parents of the teen, who were very receptive to the information.

I received an email regarding a suspicious vehicle at Ashton Park. The park checked clear.

Tuesday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 15

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

Traffic was heavy on American River Drive due to Rio Americano High School being back in session. I monitored morning traffic at Saverien Drive and American River Drive, but observed no violations.

I checked all river access points, but observed no suspicious vehicles or activities.

While conducting a check on a residence on Keane Drive, I noticed a person inside. She opened the back door and explained that she was the cleaning lady and provided her identification. In an abundance of caution, I followed up with an email to the homeowner, who confirmed that she was authorized to be in the house.

I posted at the three-way stop at Ashton and Guildford Court, but observed no violations. I moved to the four-way stop at Ashton and American River Drive. I issued a warning to a driver for a "California Stop."

Around the time that Rio Americano High School lets out, I monitored the intersection at Saverien and Ashton drives. I stopped and issued a warning to one driver for rolling through the stop sign.

Tuesday-Wednesday 8 p.m.-4 a.m., Aug. 15-16

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 25 vacation watch checks. All homes appeared secure.

At 11 p.m. I was waved down by a young male driver near Harrington Way and the American River bike trail. He wanted to ask how to apply at the Sheriff's Department, so I provided him with some information.

At 11:15 p.m., I was dispatched to St. Martin Court where homeowners reported that some teenage boys in a red hatchback had thrown eggs at their front door and sped off. I checked the area, but could not locate the vehicle. I spoke to the homeowner, who was not able to get a license plate number. I drove around looking to see if more eggs had been thrown at other houses. However, because it was night time, it was hard to tell.

The river access points checked clear of vehicles.

Thursday 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Aug. 17

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

I conducted a records check on a Buick with a temporary license plate that was seen at Ashton Park last week. A records check revealed the temporary license plate had expired. The new owner was not from the area and was possibly homeless.

I responded to an earlier report of a teenager who had driven recklessly. When I stopped by the home of the driver, I was advised by the owner that an officer had already made contact and advised them of the incident. The owner's son was currently serving restriction for the incident and, when he saw me approach the residence, he exclaimed to his mother he did not do anything else.

I stopped four drivers for various traffic violations and cited one driver for not stopping at the stop sign near American River Drive and Estates.

I assisted patrol responding to an alarm in the 4600 Block of Ashton Drive. The resident was out of town and the home appeared secure. I secured an unlocked door.

The rest of the shift was quiet.

Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m.-4 a.m., Aug. 18-19

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 32 vacation watch checks. All homes appeared secure. One home had two open windows on the second floor. All other doors were locked and windows were closed and there were no signs of entry. A number of other homes were very dark inside and out.

I read an email from a woman on Sandbar Circle concerned about her daughter's safety during her walk home from Rio. I called and left a message, but she did not return my call.

I responded to a report of a domestic dispute on American River Drive. Both parties – boyfriend and girlfriend – were present when I arrived. Their dispute was verbal, so I spent time with them helping them connect with some counseling resources.

While monitoring the stop sign traffic at American River Drive and Jacob I was approached by an elderly woman who lives nearby. She said she lives alone and is fearful that her house might be burglarized. I spent time parked in front of her house to help ease her fears.

I checked all schools, parks and river access points and all were quiet.

Saturday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Aug. 19

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

The Friday night deputy forwarded information about a Shelato address with open windows. The home checked out to be secure.

I spent time focusing on traffic issues. I wrote three speeding citations. One was on a provisional license and I contacted his parent. I stopped two stop sign violators and two Amazon drivers to advise them their speed was excessive. One was in a personal vehicle and inattentive to his driving. The other was in an Amazon truck driving fast through Wyndgate.

There was an email from a resident concerned that her daughter had received unwanted

contacts while she was going to and from school. I called her personally and discussed notification and safety options.

Saturday, 4-10 p.m., Aug. 19

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

I spent some time talking to a homeowner on Regency about the community and the off-duty program.

It was movie night at Ashton Park. I hung around the area so people would drive safely while all the families were out and about. It looked like they were showing *Super Mario Brothers*.

Around 10 p.m. I responded to a report of a large party on Chancery. Patrol also responded due to the potential size of the party with underage drinking.

Sunday 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Aug. 20

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

I monitored traffic at several locations but observed no violations. Pedestrian traffic was heavier than usual

The rest of the shift was quiet.

Monday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 21

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 30 vacation watch checks. All homes appeared secure.

Traffic was heavy in the morning due to schools being back in session.

I checked the parks and river access points. They were free of homeless and other issues.

Tuesday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 22

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 26 vacation watch checks. All homes appeared secure.

A home on Stowe Way is undergoing remodeling. I observed what appeared to be a construction truck parked in the driveway. I ran the plate and it came back clear. I contacted the homeowner to confirm that they were authorized to be at the residence. They were.

I monitored traffic at Wilhaggin and American River Drive. There was a very high volume of traffic, but I observed no violations.

I then monitored traffic at Wilhaggin and Crondall drives. Significant traffic was using Crondall to bypass the backup on American River Drive (which increased due to my presence). Notably, everyone came to complete stops and drove the speed limit.

Ashton Park and all river access points checked clear of suspicious vehicles, people or activities.

Tuesday-Wednesday 8 p.m.-4 a.m., Aug. 22-23

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 26 vacation watch checks. All homes appeared secure.

I checked on a vehicle parked at Kingsford and American River Drive. I don't normally see cars parked on this small street. It was a local teenager pulled over to talk on the phone.

The river access points checked clear tonight. There was barely any vehicle or pedestrian traffic. I made myself as visible as possible driving around with my forward facing white overhead lights on to let people know there was a presence.

Wednesday 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Aug. 23

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 34 vacation watch checks. All homes appeared secure.

I responded to a report of a transient at American River Drive and Saverien Drive. He was gone when I arrived.

I responded to an alarm in the 1400 block of Gary Way. The back door had been left open, but the home was OK.

I responded to a report of a transient asleep on a vacant lot on Crondall near Wilhaggin Drive. I located him and he checked clear of any warrants. He wanted to go to Rancho Cordova, so I drove him there.

I assisted CHP with a traffic accident on Fair Oaks Boulevard near Watt Avenue.

I responded to an alarm in the 600 block of Whitehall. The home was secure.

CRIME MAP

To see locations of crimes reported to the Sheriff's Department in our neighborhood and nearby areas, go to the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department website and its crime report map at https://www.sacsheriff.com/pages/online_crime_mapping.php.

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

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](https://www.wilhagginna.com), log in, then go to the Members Only menu and click on Contact Patrol Officer.

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