



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

PATROL DEPUTY REPORTS

Past Two Weeks Reported in Chronological Order

Member reports home security scammer

Be on the alert for the following door-to-door scam that a WDDNA member recently reported.

A young man wearing a red polo shirt and neat khakis came to my door. He said he represented Safe Home, my security company (as noted on our front yard sign), and was visiting customers to check their control panels and to upgrade them. I asked for a business card. He had none, but he showed me his official-looking name badge on a retractable line from his belt. I asked about our regular service representative and he said this was a special program.

I let him in and showed him my alarm control panel. He touched a few keys and said that we really needed an upgrade because ours was a 2G and the new ones were 5G. (I learned later that Safe Home does not use 5G!)

Then he asked if I had window alarms, which should have been an alert to me because these can be seen listed on the control panel. I told him we did and he said maybe we needed new batteries as part of the upgrade.

He walked to the front door and I let him out. He said there was an option for good customers like us to get other new accessories, such as a "Ring doorbell." He asked if we had one and I told him we had several all around the house and one that covered the porch.

As he backed away down our walkway, he said the company would be calling me to set a time to install the new panel. He left in a compact silver vehicle.

After he left, I realized that I shouldn't have let him in. I immediately called our security company. Their representative said it was a scam. She said they would never have someone come to a home unannounced or without an appointment. She noted that scams like this are happening more frequently in the industry. She ran a diagnostic on our system and, fortunately, everything was OK.

Homeowners should be wary of scammers like this. They may scope out a home for a future burglary or damage a system in order to sell the homeowner a new one.

WDDNA advises that homeowners should never allow sales or trades people in without first directly contacting the company they claim to represent. Either send them away, or if a service interests you, contact the company and arrange a formal presentation at a later time.

DEPUTY REPORTS

Saturday, 4-10 p.m., Oct. 26

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

A member email requested extra patrols on McLaren Drive east of Arden Way between 5 and 6 p.m. due to an increase in speeding drivers. I advised the day shift deputies.

Another member explained that there would be a school fundraiser on Sandywood Court that would go until about 11 p.m. Multiple noise complaints began coming in about it around 10:30 p.m. I contacted the party host about the complaints and they started to shut down the fundraiser.

I noticed an email about a safe that had been found on Arden Way last week. The email reported that a safe had been stolen from a nearby business while the business owners were away. The safe had been booked into the Sheriff's Department found property room. I advised the emailer to inform the business owners about it so they can contact detectives and see if the safe was from their business.

For a Saturday night, the neighborhood was a ghost town until the World Series game ended. Then traffic noticeably increased, but I observed no problems on the streets or in the park.

Monday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 28

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

I responded to a request to check on the welfare of an elderly homeless woman in the 1400 block of Kingsford Drive. The caller said the woman was lying down on someone's lawn. When I got there, the woman was standing on the sidewalk. She said she was trying to walk to Watt Avenue. She ultimately reached the bike trail and headed towards Watt.

I checked the parks and river access points. All were clear of any problems or issues.

Tuesday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oct. 29

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed 20 scheduled vacation watch checks. All homes were secure.

I monitored traffic at the following intersections, but observed no infractions:

- American River Drive and Saverian
- American River Drove and Ashton
- American River Drove and Estates
- Wilhaggin and Grovesnor

I checked on the parks and river access points. All were clear of any problems or issues.

Tuesday-Wednesday 8 p.m.-4 a.m., Oct. 29-30

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

Tonight was cold, which may have kept everyone inside. All river access points checked clear. No one was hanging out at the parks after hours.

I spent some extra time going through streets that connected to Fair Oaks Boulevard to look for any pedestrians wandering into the neighborhood.

Thursday 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Oct. 31

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

I patrolled around the schools, but saw no parking violations.

I issued a warning to a driver for failing to stop behind the limit line at Estates and Crondall. I issued a warning to another driver who failed to come to a complete stop at

Jacob and Oak Vista.

Saturday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Nov. 2

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

A resident reported an abandoned vehicle on a street in the neighborhood. I located the car and confirmed that its registration had expired. The person named on the old registration was out of the area, so I referred the case to parking enforcement to tag it for removal.

I was briefed by our Problem Oriented Policing deputy regarding the man in the neighborhood seen riding on an electric scooter and peering into mail boxes. The deputy attempted to contact the man at his home, but he was not there. The POP unit will continue to monitor the situation.

Sunday, 3-11 p.m., Nov. 3

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

I checked the parks and river access points and all were clear of problems.

I responded to Rio Americano High School and helped a driver whose car was stuck behind the school's locked gates.

I monitored the intersections at American River and Harrington Drive as well as American River Drive and Saverien Drive. I observed no traffic violations.

Monday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Nov. 4

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 22 scheduled vacation watch checks. All homes were secure.

I monitored traffic at the beginning of school for Jesuit and Rio Americano High Schools and Del Dayo Elementary. Traffic was heavy for a while and then it died down. I didn't observe any issues.

All parks and river access points checked clear.

Tuesday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Nov. 5

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 19 scheduled vacation watch checks. All homes were secure.

I monitored traffic around the schools, as well as the intersections of American River Drive at Jacob Lane and at Estates Drive, but did not observe any traffic violations.

All parks and river access points checked clear.

Tuesday-Wednesday 8 p.m.-4 a.m., Nov. 5-6

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

The night was very quiet, very windy and cold.

At 10:33 p.m., I responded to a report that the driver of a white cargo van was looking into windows of parked cars near American River Drive and North River Way. I arrived on scene in less than one minute, but the van was gone. I checked around the area, but never located it.

The parks and river access points all were clear.

Wednesday 9:15 a.m.-5:15 p.m., Nov. 6

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 19 scheduled vacation watch checks. All homes were secure.

I responded to two reports of a transient seen on Exeter and then on Ashton. Callers said a man was in the street talking to himself. The man was gone when I arrived at each location.

I dealt with another transient on Arden Way who decided to take a nap in a chair in a business waiting room. He checked clear, so I had him leave.

I took a report of an indecent exposure incident that occurred on Arden Way between Watt Avenue and Eastern. On Tuesday evening, a woman said she was walking to her car when a scruffy male transient, about 20 or 30 years old, approached her, pulled his shorts down and exposed himself. She drove quickly away.

Thursday 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Nov. 7

I patrolled the neighborhood and completed all 19 scheduled vacation watch checks. All homes were secure.

I patrolled around the schools, but observed no parking violations.

I received an email reporting that a porch pirate stole a package from a front porch on Finlandia around 2 a.m. today.

I received several emails regarding a black or dark blue Infinity that had spun out after doing donuts in an intersection and struck a tree, causing damage to the driver's side of the car. The vehicle fled north on Jacob Lane.

Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m.-4 a.m., Nov. 8-9

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

When I began my shift, the Jesuit High School football game was in full swing, so I maintained a heavy patrol around American River Drive, Jesuit High School and Rio Americano High School. Fortunately, the event and crowd were very tame and orderly.

I checked Ashton Park toward the end of the game and discovered a group of 10 teens starting to setup a party in one of the picnic areas. I told them that the park was closed and they had to leave. They politely obliged.

I read an email about a reckless driver and another about a porch pirate on Finlandia Way. I maintained heavier patrols near Finlandia, Jacob, Keane and Kipling throughout the night.

I checked all schools, parks, river access points and maintained a visible presence throughout the neighborhood all night.

Saturday, 4-10 p.m., Nov. 9

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

Because of the recent porch pirate incident, I made my presence known several times on Finlandia and the surrounding streets. There were a few people walking their dogs and waving thank yous.

The parks and access points checked clear of people.

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, log in, then go to the Members Only menu and click on Contact Patrol Officer.

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