

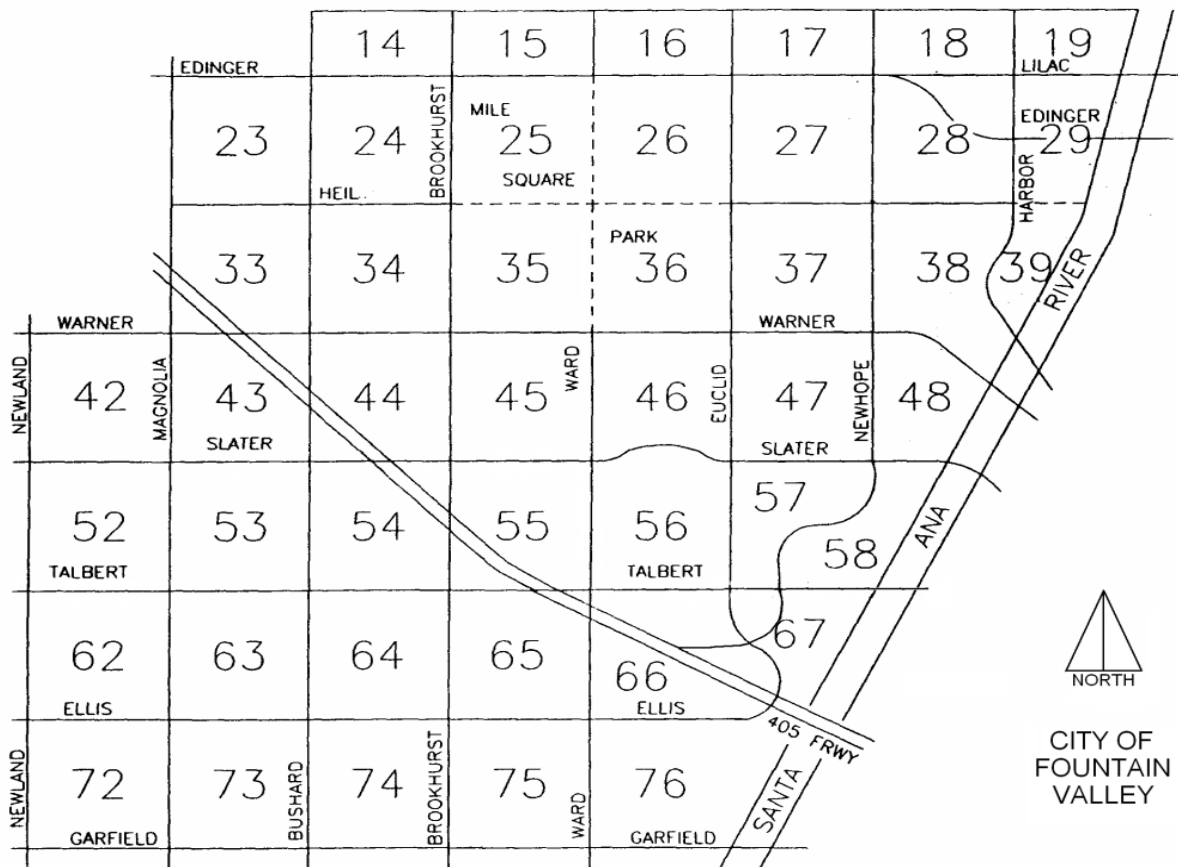


FOUNTAIN VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

CRIME TRENDS AND ANALYSIS

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Fountain Valley Reporting Districts (RD)



TIP OF THE MONTH: PREVENTING RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

Every week residential burglaries occur in Fountain Valley. Although we occasionally obtain some “street intelligence” about why a particular neighborhood or specific house was burglarized, and we study these crimes constantly, the fact is that we simply are not sure how or why most burglars target their victims. Some burglars probably drive through our neighborhoods looking for easy targets, while others may have acquaintances that currently or previously lived in Fountain Valley and are therefore familiar with the neighborhood or the residence.

Residential burglars typically drive around our city during the daytime when most people are at work, looking for nice homes in a quiet area.

A common method of reconnaissance, or “casing,” used by suspects in residential burglaries is lengthy door knocking and doorbell ringing in an attempt to determine if anyone is home. This method has been used on several occasions in many jurisdictions and is known to precede a burglary. When the door is answered by a resident, the suspect will claim to be lost, solicit some type of service or product, or ask for someone that does not live there. If this happens to you, call the Fountain Valley Police Department immediately at (714) 593-4483 to report a suspicious person.

If you do not want to answer the door, you can always tell the person from behind the closed door that you cannot open it right now, or make a sufficient amount of noise inside to alert the person to your presence. Should someone attempt to break into your home, call 9-1-1 immediately and flee the residence via an exit that is the farthest away from where the suspect is breaking in. Cell phones can be carried with you as you leave. Remember to program your cell phones with the Fountain Valley Police Department (1-714-593-4483). Calling 9-1-1 from your cell phone will go directly to our Dispatch Center; however, you will need to give the dispatcher your address. If you are unable to speak, the dispatcher will be able to triangulate your location through GPS mapping software. Keep in mind this will cause a delay in response.

We do know that many residential burglaries occur in open garages where people are home but are either in the house or in the backyard. It is not uncommon for the homeowner to be working in the home or backyard and thieves go through the garage or an unlocked front door to steal valuables. Residents should lock their front doors, even when they are home, and close their garage doors when not present in their front yard.

Finally, we know that in most residential burglaries, the point of entry is the side or rear of the residence, out of sight of any passers-by. Often, a burglar breaks in at a rear sliding glass door, kitchen or bedroom window. Many times these portals are left unlocked. Where the windows are locked, many burglars carry tools and will pry open sliding windows or even large sliding doors. The only way to stop these determined burglars is to use some type of pin locking device that prevents the burglar from removing the sliding door or window from its track.

Once inside, almost all burglars go straight to the master bedroom or other areas where

residents will likely store jewelry or cash. If there is no alarm system, burglars will feel they have plenty of time; and the rest of the house will be ransacked. Few televisions or DVD players are taken, but after jewelry and cash, laptops, cameras, cell phones and credit cards are a common loss. We strongly recommend that residents find hiding places for any type of valuable keepsakes that cannot be replaced, such as wedding rings or other family heirlooms. You may want to keep such items at the bank in a safety deposit box. Laundry rooms, bookcases, attics, refrigerators/freezers and even garages can be used to make it more difficult to find your priceless valuables.

So how do you “harden the target” and at least reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of a residential burglary? Here are some suggestions:

- Consider owning a dog (burglars hate attention).
- Install an alarm system.
- Visually inspect your rear yard. If a burglar slips undetected into your backyard, anticipate how he will try to break into your home, and “harden the target.”
- Do not have an open door policy when it comes to burglars. Lock your front door, even when you are home.
- When no one is at home, always keep your doors and windows locked.
- Do not leave jewelry and cash where it is easy to find.
- Secure all your doors and windows when you leave.
- Install solid core doors with deadbolt locks.
- Use locking pins on sliding windows and doors.
- Consider double pane windows (a proven burglar deterrent).
- Engrave a personal identification number on valuable items such as electronics. Engravers are available for loan from our Crime Prevention office.
- Take close-up, detailed photos of expensive jewelry.
- Prepare and keep safe a list of valuable items and their serial or personal identification numbers.
- Use a radio/light timing device when on vacation.
- Have a neighbor pick up your mail and newspaper (or have it temporarily stopped), and check on your house periodically when you are on vacation. Arrange for a vacation check by our Reserve Senior Volunteers by calling (714) 593-4485.
- Read the Neighborhood Watch Newsletters and monthly Crime Trend bulletins. A well-informed public, equipped with the knowledge of how to take away a thief's opportunity to commit a crime, is a valuable tool for crime prevention.
- Be alert. Alert neighbors are responsible for the majority of arrests made in residential burglaries.

If something appears suspicious, immediately contact the Fountain Valley Police Department at (714) 593-4483, or dial 911 to report a crime in progress.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

RD 16 10600 block of Morning Glory on 04/19/10 between 1100 and 1430 hrs. Entry made by an unlocked window. No known loss.

RD 18 15800 block of Godwin on 04/26/10 between 0830 and 1801 hrs. Entry made into home by an unlocked rear slider. Loss was a TV, DVD player, laptop, printer, camera, TV monitor, and a microwave.

RD 24 16300 block of Sycamore on 04/10/10 between 1300 and 2230 hrs. Entry made by unknown means. No known loss.

RD 28 16200 block of Shasta on 04/22/10 between 0815 and 1529 hrs. Entry made by unknown means. Loss was a PS3, laptop, and cash.

RD 34 16700 block of Redwood between 04/26/10 @ 0800 and 04/28/10 @ 1425 hrs. Entry made by an unlocked rear door. Loss was jewelry.

RD 38 16900 block of Summertree on 04/05/10 between 0530 and 1745 hrs. Entry made by unknown means. Loss was a watch, cash, Jewelry, silver ware, and a belt.

RD 38 11600 block of Kirwin on 04/05/10 between 0630 and 1630 hrs. Pried garage door and an unsuccessful attempt to pry house door. No entry was made and no loss was incurred.

RD 38 11800 block of Purslane between 04/06/10 @ 1130 and 04/27/10 @ 0015 hrs. Entry made by an unlocked window. Loss was jewelry, laptop, jewelry box and watch.

RD 42 17200 block of Santa Lucia on 04/07/10 between 1400 and 1800 hrs. Entry made by unlocked garage ped door. Loss was electric connectors, crank shaft, clutch, brakes, 2 car computers, computer expansion, and a traction control computer.

RD 42 17200 block of Santa Barbara on 04/14/10 between 1200 and 1915 hrs. Pried door. Loss was several soft drinks, snacks, a hose, and a pump.

RD 46 10800 block of La Fonda between 04/23/10 @ 1800 and 04/24/10 @ 0800 hrs. Entry made by cutting the lock on the surrounding chain link fence, then entering the home through an unlocked rear door. Loss was a stove, 2 toilets, and a dishwasher.

RD 52 17900 block of Point Sur between 04/01/10 @ 0630 and 04/10/10 @ 2034 hrs. Pried garage ped door. Loss was a 2001 green Lexus.

RD 54 9800 block of Sturgeon on 04/15/10 between 1000 and 2000 hrs. Entry made by an unlocked window. Loss was a laptop, jewelry and cash.

RD 56 17800 block of San Maiz on 04/08/10 between 1100 and 1600 hrs. Smashed back door window. Loss was a TV, laptop, cash, coins, jewelry, checks and clothing.

RD 63 100 block of Gannet between 04/06/10 @ 1000 and 04/12/10 @ 1300 hrs. Attempted to pry screen. No entry made. No loss.

RD 63 9100 Blair River on 04/22/10 @ 0948 hrs. Smashed rear slider. There was no known loss. Possible suspect description obtained.

RD 65 10000 block of Fall River between 04/21/10 @ 0645 and 04/21/10 @ 1730 hrs. Entry made by unknown means. Loss was 2 laptops, cash, watch and jewelry.

RD 65 10476 Smoke River between 04/28/10 between 0840 and 1810 hrs. Pried rear door. Loss is unknown at this time.

RD 72 8500 block of Boatbill on 04/15/10 @ 1500 hrs. Pried rear garage door. Loss was a watch and jewelry. **Possible suspect and suspect vehicle description obtained.**

RD 75 10100 block of Pheasant on 04/08/10 between 1100 and 1800 hrs. Entry made by unknown means. Loss was a laptop and DVDs.

VEHICLE BURGLARY

RD 15 15900 block of Maidstone on 04/09/10 @ 1800 and 04/14/10 @2100 hrs. Entry possibly made by using a slim jim. Loss was a GPS and an ipod.

RD 15 15900 block of Maidstone between 04/14/10 @ 2100 and 04/15/10 @ 0730 hrs. Unknown entry. Loss was a stereo, ashtrays and coins.

RD 16 10700 block of Morning Glory between 04/17/10 @ 2200 and 04/18/10 @ 1200 hrs. Entry made by unknown means. Loss was a PA system, drum set, sunglasses, cologne, cell phone and GPS.

RD 18 11900 block of Verbena between 04/08/10 @ 2200 and 04/09/10 @ 0649 hrs. Unknown entry. Loss was a GPS, and DVD player.

RD 18 15900 block of Harbor between 04/21/10 @ 1800 and 04/22/10 @ 0755 hrs. Smashed window. Loss was a wallet.

RD 18 15900 block of Sterling between 04/27/10 @ 1800 and 04/28/10 @ 0630 hrs. Smashed window. Loss was a camera, MP3 player, gym bag, and wallet.

RD 27 Euclid/ Heil on 04/10/10 between 1430 and 1531 hrs. Smashed window. Loss was a GPS.

RD 28 16100 block of Harbor between 04/05/10 @ 2300 and 04/06/10 @ 1500 hrs. Smashed window. Loss was a clothing, cash and sunglasses.

RD 28 11800 block of Amethyst on 04/06/10 between 0001 and 1100 hrs. Forced window. Loss was speakers.

RD 28 16100 block of Harbor between 04/11/10 between 1800 and 2100 hrs. Pried window. Loss was a stereo, GPS, purse, camera, cash, checks, sunglasses, CDL, clothes, credit cards, and jewelry.

RD 28 16100 block of Harbor between 04/21/10 @ 2000 and 04/22/10 @ 0500 hrs. Smashed window. Loss was a gym bag and cell phone charger.

RD 28 16300 block of Mt Ackerman between 04/27/10 @ 2100 and 04/28/10 @ 1000 hrs. Entry made through unlocked door. Loss was 2 GPS's.

RD 33 16500 block of Walnut between 04/6/10 @ 2045 and 04/07/10 @ 0700 hrs. Forced window. Loss was a stereo, paintballs, registration and owners manual.

RD 33 9400 block of Clover on 04/13/10 between 0130 and 0251 hrs. Punched door lock. Loss was a purse. **Suspect descriptions obtained.**

RD 44 9900 block of Warner on 04/01/10 @ 0044 and 0055 hrs. Possible slim jim on door. Loss was an ash tray and cash. **Suspect and suspect vehicle description obtained.**

RD 47 17300 block of Euclid between 04/15/10 @ 2330 and 04/16/10 @ 0530 hrs. Smashed window. Loss was a GPS and a camera.

RD 47 17200 block of Euclid on 04/15/10 @ 2330 and 04/16/10 @ 0530 hrs. Smashed window. Loss was a wallet, backpack, DVD, calculator and a cell phone.

RD 47 17300 block of Euclid on 04/16/10 between 0300 and 1521 hrs. Smashed window. Loss was a stereo, GPS, wallet and cash.

RD 47 17100 block of Newhope on 04/19/10 between 1200 and 2205 hrs. Smashed window. Loss was a DVD.

RD 47 17300 block of Euclid on 04/19/10 between 1530 and 2000 hrs. Smashed window. Loss was a GPS, sunglasses and a camera.

RD 48 17200 block of Newhope on 04/13/10 between 1030 and 1430 hrs. Smashed window. Loss was a GPS, cellphone, clothes and bag.

RD 55 10100 block of Talbert on 04/01/10 between 1730 and 1821 hrs. Smashed window. Loss was a wallet and a card.

RD 55 10100 block of Talbert between 04/01/10 between 1745 and 1821 hrs. Smashed window. Loss was a purse, cash, wallet, credit cards, bag, sunglasses, glasses and makeup.

RD 55 10100 block of Talbert on 04/19/10 between 2000 and 2100 hrs. Entry made by unknown means. Loss was a gym bag, purse and a credit card.

RD 64 9800 block of Toucan between 04/07/10 @ 1930 and 04/16/10 @ 2315 hrs. Entry was made by unknown. Loss was a 3rd row seat.

RD 66 10800 block of Kalama River on 04/12/10 @ 1825 hrs. Smashed window. Loss was a laptop and a bag. **Suspect and suspect vehicle description obtained.**

RD 75 10100 block of Falcon between 04/08/10 @1830 and 04/09/10 @ 0700 hrs. Entry made by unknown means. Loss was 2 cell phones.

STOLEN VEHICLE

RD 28 16400 block of Harbor on 04/01/10 @ 0750 hrs. Vehicle was recovered in Santa Ana after Lojack was activated.

RECOVERED VEHICLES STOLEN FROM OTHER CITIES

RD 15 10400 block of Margarita on 04/04/10 @ 2010 hrs. The vehicle was originally stolen from Garden Grove.

RD 29 12000 block of Sylvan River on 04/01/10 @ 1156 hrs. The vehicle was originally stolen from Santa Ana.

RD 44 9500 block of El Rey on 04/19/10 @ 1149 hrs. The vehicle was originally stolen from Anaheim.

RD 62 Ellis/Newland on 04/05/10 @ 2324 hrs. The vehicle was originally stolen from Huntington Beach.

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16	3	Los Gatos/Edinger/Morning Glory
18	5	Verbena/Harbor
19	3	Lehnhardt/Mt Mitchell/Harbor/Lilac
24	1	16205 Brookhurst
27	1	Newhope/Suzette Rvr
28	23	Heil/Newhope/Edinger/Iris/Mt Ackerman/Harbor/Iris/Everest
29	6	Harbor/Edinger
34	4	Warner
38	13	Heil/Terrel
42	10	Magnolia/La Stella/Sta Clara/El Rancho/La Fiesta
43	4	Palm
44	2	Bushard/La Capilla
45	6	Slater/Brookhurst/Circulo De Juarez/
46	3	Los Jardines E/Ward
53	3	Bushard/El Pueblo
55	10	Los Alamos Park/San Rafael
56	1	Los Jardines E
73	1	Cordata Park

WE WANT TO KNOW!!

Do you have any questions for us? If you have a general question about our policies, procedures, general information, tips, etc., please email it to us at: crimewatch@fountainvalley.org.

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