

Crime Reports

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CLEANED OUT
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24**

A resident hired a cleaning service to clean his house in the 1800 block of Ocean Drive on October 1. He had carried boxes into his house from his garage which contained old tax information and checks and left one of them on the couch when the maids were working. The man’s bank notified him on October 18th that somebody had cashed four of his old checks. After looking at the checks, the victim noticed that the suspects had written over his writing to change the payee name and amount on the check. The only description of the suspects the man could give police was that the two maids were female Hispanics.

**BOUTIQUES BURGLARIZED
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30**

Police were called to a clothing store in the 300 block of Manhattan Beach Boulevard after a store manager and employee reported a woman stole clothing from their store and a shop next door. The manager told police she knew the alleged shoplifter personally because her brother used to date the suspect. She said the suspect had taken a women’s brown flannel into a dressing room and exited the store. The manager checked the dressing room and found the clothing’s price tag had been removed. After searching the store she could not find the flannel. She reviewed security tape and saw the suspect carrying two bags, one from the shop next door, and concluded the suspect concealed the item using the bags.

The manger called her brother to get his ex-lover’s personal information and police used DMV records to get her home address. Police also talked to an employee at the shop next door who said the suspect purchased two items and stole a white tank top.

Officers went to the suspect’s house and she answered the door. Police asked her to step outside, put her in handcuffs and arrested her for burglary. The officer who responded to the boutiques told the suspect he saw video which recorded the theft. The suspect then admitted to the theft and told officers the stolen items were in her house (she lives with her parents). The suspect’s mother retrieved the Splendid Seattle brown flannel and Jay Godfrey white tank top from her disgraced daughter’s bedroom. The three employees of both stores came to the house and positively identified the suspect, who was taken to the police station for booking.

**ITHEFT
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

A resident parked his father’s 1990 Toyota in front of his home in the 1200 block of Chestnut Avenue around 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4. His locked it and his dad went to the car around 6 a.m. the next morning to find the driver’s side window smashed out and glass everywhere. Items were scattered all over the car and an iPod valued at more than \$250 was missing. The man estimated the thieves caused at least \$550 worth of damage to the window. Police said the thieves appeared to smash the window to get to the iPod, which was in the center console.

**LUGGAGE STOLEN
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

A man was loading up his 2008 Honda in the driveway of his residence, located in the 1100 block of 21st Street. As he went to and from his house to load his car, the man put his large black duffel bag into the trunk before going back into the house. The victim returned to find the bag was missing. He told police it had contained video tapes and computer hard drives.

**IDENTITY THEFT
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

A woman’s wallet was stolen while she ate with her family at a tropical themed restaurant in a mall located in the 3200 block of Sepulveda Boulevard. The victim told police she last saw her wallet when she

made a purchase at a mall store before going with her family to dinner in the bar area of the restaurant. The woman hung her purse on the back of her chair in the restaurant around 5:30 p.m. She would later tell police her attention was not always on the purse. The victim recalled seeing a 40-year-old man with dark skin and short hair carrying a black coat over his shoulder. She said he was accompanied by a nicely dressed female with dark hair. The pair had briefly sat at a table next to the victim’s family, before moving to another table. The next day the woman noticed her wallet missing when she was at a sunglasses store and called her credit company to find somebody made a \$3,331 purchase at a computer store in the mall. Another credit card company reported purchases were made using another card at the computer store and another department store.

**COMPUTERS STOLEN
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

A woman parked her car in the parking lot of an electronics store located in the 3600 block of Sepulveda Boulevard around 8 p.m. She secured her vehicle, leaving her laptop computer and a laptop computer belonging to her friend in her trunk. The woman returned about an hour later and found her window had been pushed down into the door frame. Items were strewn about her car and the victim opened the trunk to find the computers missing. She told police she thinks somebody may have followed her from here home where she loaded the computers in her car, but didn’t recall seeing anyone. Police found no prints and believe the window was pushed down using bodily force.

**HOME BURGLARIZED
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

Unknown suspects stole between \$10,000 to \$20,000 worth of jewelry and a towel rack from a home in the 700 block of 26th Street while its owners were out. The homeowner said she left her home around 8 a.m. and returned around 8 p.m. to find jewelry missing. The stolen items include a \$5 gold coin in setting with gold chain, Chinese gambling chip in gold setting with chain and a chrome towel rack and bracket. Police think the suspects jumped over her front gate and used a crate to gain entry through the window of her master bathroom. The woman said she always leaves the window slightly open and officers think the suspects removed the screen and pushed the window open to get into the house.

When asked who might have committed the crime, the victim said she had a longtime housekeeper and gardener who she trusted. However, she said she recently hired a pool man who she believed might have a drug problem. While she packed her vehicle in her driveway that morning, the woman saw a pickup truck containing ladders parked down the street. She said she also noticed three Hispanic men near the car whose presence she felt was suspicious. Neighbors of the woman told police that they knew of residents living on the street who had been arrested in the past and “kept strange hours.” Police booked two fingerprints into evidence.

**CALLING CUBA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

A representative of a marketing firm renting reported that somebody has been making unauthorized calls to Cuba using their company phone. The firm rents space in a country club located in the 1300 block of Park View Avenue and the representative found somebody had been making calls to the island nation on weekends when the business is closed. A representative of the country club told police that somebody would need a key to enter the building, which all tenants have, and also a suite key or master key. The country club representative said he heard a country club maid might have a master key but is working on confirming it. Because there are no signs of forced entry to the suite, the country club representative

thinks someone has a copy of the tenant’s suite key or a master key. The marketing firm called their phone company to report the unauthorized calls that occurred on a Saturday and Sunday in October. That’s when they also found out about three other weekend

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loving home with you.

Jackie is Jesse’s adorable little sis. She is quiet and curious and loves to run around. She is a bit shy with new people, but don’t worry--she will warm up to you quickly! Jackie also enjoys playing with her foster family’s dogs and kids. She hopes to get an amazing home and is waiting to meet you.

Simon is very nice young boy who is ready to find a home of his own! Simon loves to sleep with his foster parents when he gets the chance, and he has a motor that doesn’t quit! Purr, purr, purr... Simon is a pretty easygoing kitten. He is a little shy at first in new environments, but once he gets comfortable, he is a big old love bug and will make friends with anyone. Simon gets along well with all of the other foster kitties in his foster home.

Sweet **Aspen** (Simon’s sister) is looking for a special home because she is special. When Aspen and Simon were found next to the 101 Freeway, they had had a rough couple of nights. Because of this traumatic experience in her life, she is a bit shy when she first meets people. Aspen needs a home where her new mommy or daddy will understand this and will be able to give her lots of quiet and affirming attention. When Aspen relaxes, she purrs up a storm. She loves having her ears and nose scratched.

calls made in October and three weekend calls made in November. The marketing firm’s representative said she doesn’t believe her employees could have made the calls because they have worked at the company for a long time. •

She just needs to know that everything is okay. Once she knows that, this sweet soul opens right up. Aspen enjoys racing up and down the cat tree with her foster siblings and is hoping to find her own home soon! She can be adopted alone or with her brother Simon.

These kittens/cats are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All of our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, de-wormed and current on their vaccinations.

For additional information and to see our other kitties, please check our website www.kittenrescue.org. You can also email us at mail@kittenrescue.org to find out more about this week’s featured pets and to contact us about adoption. •

We have several weekly adoption events in the Westside. On Saturday/Sunday, we are at a venue located in Mar Vista at 3860 Centinela Avenue, just south of Venice Boulevard. On Saturday only, we are in West Los Angeles at 11055 West Pico Boulevard at Sepulveda. On Sunday, we are in Santa Monica at 2910 Wilshire Boulevard at Yale Street. Adoption hours at these venues are from noon to 3:30 p.m. We also have our fourth Saturday of the month venue in Manhattan Beach located at 1816 North Sepulveda Boulevard, with adoption hours from 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. •



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