

Crime Reports

Compiled by Evan Ortega SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 IDENTITY THEFT

A woman and her husband returned to their home in the 1300 block of the Strand after a 10-day trip. The wife found statements in the mail from GE Money Bank/JC Penny, Macy's, Chase, Experian, Kohl's, and Best Buy/HSBC Bank showing somebody had recently opened accounts and tried to create new ones. The suspects were able to open accounts with Kohl's, spending \$955.60 at an unknown location, and with Macy's, spending \$561.15 at its Temecula store. The victim has contacted all of the stores regarding the theft and has no idea how anybody obtained her personal information.

CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

A man flagged down an officer in the lower parking lot of the Manhattan Village Mall to report his catalytic converter had been stolen. The man spoke limited English so a Spanish-speaking Community Service Officer was called to help translate. The victim said he had parked his 1997 Toyota 4-Runner at about 1:30 p.m., leaving to play soccer on a nearby field. He returned around 3 p.m. and started his vehicle, noticing his vehicle was emitting an unusually loud sound. Looking underneath his car, the victim noticed the catalytic converter had been removed. Police took photos for evidence and the damage was estimated to cost anywhere from \$500 to \$1,000.

BIKE SHOP THEFT SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

A Torker Tri Star Adult Trike worth \$428 was stolen from outside the back of a bike shop in the 1500 block of Rosecrans Avenue. When clerk last saw the bike at 10 a.m., the tricycle and other bikes were secured by a wire cable and padlock. The clerk returned to the area at 12:30 p.m. to find the bike missing and lock cut in half.

DOWNTOWN BRAWL SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

Just before 1 a.m., officers responded to a restaurant in the 100 block of Manhattan Beach Boulevard regarding a fight involving roughly 15 people. Somebody hit a woman in the head with a beer bottle and a bouncer had two of his teeth knocked out. Several others had minor abrasions. Four people were

arrested for battery along with two bouncers, including the one who had his teeth knocked out. Police took photos for evidence and also admitted into evidence a silver butterfly-shaped hair clip with sparkly stones.

CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

Police responded to the lower parking lot of the Manhattan Village Mall after a landscaper who works at the mall reported the catalytic converter for his company truck stolen. The victim locked the 1993 Nissan around 2:30 p.m. on Friday August 28, returning around 8 a.m. Sunday when he noticed the vehicle was unusually loud. After further inspection he saw the converter was missing. Police could not locate fingerprints, but noticed a hacksaw was used in the crime. They took photos for evidence. The damage was estimated by an officer to be \$400.

STOLEN CAR COVER TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

A man's tan-colored vinyl car cover was removed from his 1982 Chevrolet Camaro while the car was parked in front of his residence in the 1900 block of Agnes Road. The man last saw the \$300 vinyl cover protecting his beloved Chevy around 8 p.m. Monday night, before he went outside and discovered the theft around 7 a.m. the next day. The victim told police he needed a police report for insurance purposes.

FORGED CHECK TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

A man's accountant advised his client that a withdrawal slip was filled out with the client's signature and that \$1,036.50 was taken from his account. The victim contacted his bank, which notified him the withdrawal slip was used at a bank branch in the 1200 block of Highland Avenue on the last day of July. The victim told police he has only written two checks from his account and never filled out a withdrawal slip for it.

TEXTBOOK CRIMINAL TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

A resident received a call from an employee at a textbook store on the campus of Antelope Valley College, informing him of a suspicious purchase. The employee said that somebody placed a mysterious internet order for \$450 worth of textbooks on several of the victim's credit cards. The order listed

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Calendar

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

- Los Angeles Air Force Base Honoring of National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Opening Ceremony 11 a.m. Thursday, September 17, Veterans Park, Redondo Beach. Closing Ceremony 11 a.m. Friday, September 18, LA Air Force Base, El Segundo. For info, Gina Peterson 310-653-3885 gina.peterson@losangeles.af.mil

- El Segundo Chamber Back to Business Expo/Mixer hosted by Hacienda Hotel 525 N. Sepulveda Blvd., 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Great way to showcase your business. For more info 310-322-1220.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2009

- Annual Community Picnic at Pacific Baptist Church 2-4pm. 859 Main Street. Free Food, Games, Bouncers, Music and Raffle.

- El Segundo High School PTA coordinates Mock ACT/SAT The perfect way to practice for those college entrance exams for \$20. ESHS 9a.m.-1 p.m. For info: Wagonblast/wagonfamilymi@aol.com or Register on-line at www.revolutionprep.com

- California Masons celebrate the anniversary of the signing of our U. S. Constitution at Library Park, El Segundo 10 a.m. to noon. Open to the public. 310-675-1635.

- The El Segundo Fire Department is looking for volunteers, and is offering free Community Emergency Response Team training (CERT) The training is over four consecutive Saturdays, all four sections must be completed to receive a course completion certificate, September 19 - October 10, 8:30am-3:30pm. Information, Jeff Robinson 310-524-2252 jrobinson@elsegundo.org.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

- El Segundo United Methodist Church is celebrating its 95th year Anniversary. Worship Service starts at 10:30 a.m. Music and festivities after the service. 310-322-0051.

- Fall Season-Concerts in the Library. The Belle Air Brass presents "Classical Top Ten Countdown." 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the Friends of the Library Room, 111 West Mariposa Avenue. All programs are free and will be held on the third Sunday of the month. 310-524-2728.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2009

- El Segundo City Council Member Don Brann will be available at City Hall on Wednesday, September 23rd from 10am-2pm to listen to residents about their concerns. No appointments are necessary, just drop in. Visits will be brief to prevent a long wait. "Come on down."

UPCOMING

- Cold Stone Creamery fundraiser "World's Largest Ice Cream Social" to benefit Make-A-Wish Foundation. September 24, 5-8 p.m. Anyone willing to make a donation with a love for ice cream and a heart for children can join the celebration. 130 E. Grand Ave.

- California Republican Assembly-South Bay Chapter will meet on Monday, September 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the El Segundo Library. For further information call 310-406-5429.

- Richmond Street Fair, Saturday, September 26, 9am-5pm. For more info see website www.richmondstreetfair.com

- St. Michael the Archangel Episcopal Church invites you to their Annual *An Evening in Monte Carlo*, Saturday, September 26, 6pm-10pm. Admission \$25 presale, \$30 at the door. No one under 21 years old admitted. 361 Richmond St. 310-322-2589

- The 2009 Flu Shot Clinic for citizens over 50 will be held at the Joslyn Center on Friday, October 2nd 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. For info 310-322-9033 between 9 and 1 M-F. Date, time and place for a separate clinic for swine flu shots will be announced later.

- El Segundo Council PTA invites you to register for the Fall 2009 Family Photo Fund Raiser at www.FamilyPortraitFun.com. Register early the spaces fill quickly.

- El Segundo Class of 1974 is having a 35th reunion party on October 17. For more info email Evelyn at 74reunion@gmail.com

ONGOING

- El Segundo High School PTA Fundraisers: *Shopping for Students*, when you shop at Manhattan Village, it helps El Segundo public schools participants earn a share of \$4000! Bring your original receipts dated from September 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010 to the Concierge, (located adjacent to the Apple Store near Macy's). Flyer information www.shopmanhattanvillage.com

- ESHS PTA recommends *Welcome Driver*, approved by both the DMV and the Driving School Association of California. You will get a discount of \$25 if you enter the code below when you register. You will also support ESHS PTA (\$25 per registrant). Go to http://www.welcomedriver.com click on "students sign up now" and enter: ESHPTA

- St. John's Lutheran Child Development Center is now enrolling! Christian Based Curriculum, ages 2-5. Call Ms. Patty 310-615-0211 or visit our webpage www.stjohnselsegundo.com


- Free Meal Program for the unemployed at Hank's Pizza and Snax Burgers 202 Imperial Avenue. Program runs through December 31, 2009. Dine-in only, 5:00pm - 9:00pm. Unemployment verification is required, El Segundo residents only, beer and wine excluded, one free meal per week for each member of the household. Call for more details: Hank's 310-335-0066. Snax 310-640-9766.

- Heir Children Store announces Mommy Tails, a happy hour for moms 10am-12Noon Plaza El Segundo-The Edge, unwind, share stories, parenting tips, complimentary juices, snacks. Story hour for children upon request with advance notice 310-647-5993.

- Find out about MITI... moms meeting weekly to pray for their children and schools. momsintouch.org or contact Martha Cason at 640-6811 or casonmartha@yahoo.com

- The El Segundo Seniors Club Travels. For dates and registration deadlines call Chuck 310-640-0891 or visit The Joslyn Center.

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