

Crime Reports

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BIKE STOLEN
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Police were called to a residence located in the 200 block of 42nd Street after a woman reported her bike stolen. The woman last saw her black, red trim strand cruiser unsecured in the garage of her residence around 8 a.m. The victim left her garage door open, and returned home around 5:30 p. to find her bike missing. The bike can be identified by stickers on her fender and chain guard that say "Hot Rod," "Rod and Custom," and "Street Rodder." The tire caps look like gold colored skulls and the handlebar grips feature a silver skull with red eyeballs. The woman told police that she doesn't have the serial numbers but could identify her bike if she saw it again.

IFRAUD
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

A man called the police station to report being defrauded in August and September by a person who used his identity to buy five separate iPhone lines for phones purchased in a computer store in the Manhattan Village Mall. On October 14, 2009, the victim received a bill in the mail from AT&T for \$494.97 for several iPhone plans. The billing period began on August 31, 2009. The victim contacted AT&T and said that he didn't buy the phones, so the company canceled the accounts. The man also talked to the manager of the computer store where the phones were bought and was told the suspect might have used the man's social security number to open the accounts. The victim learned the iPhones were purchased with the computer company's gift card which meant that only the billing was charged to him. The man told police he had never even been to the store before and wants to prosecute whoever did this to him.

RENTAL VAN EMBEZZLED
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

An employee of a rental car company located in the 2300 block of N. Sepulveda Boulevard went to the police department to report an embezzled rental vehicle. On August 17, 2009 a man rented a white van. He was supposed to return the vehicle on October 14, 2009 before 6 p.m. but never did. The agency employee called and sent e-mails to the suspect several times to no avail before finally sending a certified letter demanding the vehicle be returned. The company has not heard from the man and wants to prosecute him. The suspect is 20, 6'1" tall, has short brown hair, weighs 200 pounds and has tattoos on both arms. The rental car company employee told police that the suspect owns his own line of clothing and that the suspect's company has a name involving female genitalia. The employee said the man rented the van to haul his clothes to trade shows.

BIKE STOLEN
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Police responded to Manhattan Beach Middle School after an employee called to report her bike stolen. At about 8 a.m. the victim parked her bike at a bicycle rack near the front office. The woman said she did not use a lock or cable to secure her bicycle to the rack. At 5 p.m. she returned to the rack for a nice ride home and found that somebody else apparently had the same idea. The woman told police that she doesn't know who could have stolen it. The woman said that most students and others who park their bicycles at the rack don't secure them. She said her bike might have stood out because she was working late and there was also a good chance that her bike was the only one left in the area for several hours. The victim said her bicycle is about a decade old and that she didn't know its serial number. There are no cameras in the area. After interviewing the victim, police checked the area of the Polliwog Park, which adjoins the school but could not find the bike.

PICKPOCKET FRAUDSTERS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Just before midnight, a woman went to the police station to report her identity being stolen shortly after shopping in Redondo Beach. The woman told police that earlier in the evening she was shopping at a popular discount retailer in Redondo Beach around 5:30 p.m. The victim said she was distracted by a 5'10" Hispanic man in his 30's, who was of medium build with short brown hair and unknown clothing. The man was accompanied by a 5'4" Hispanic woman of medium build with curly brown shoulder length hair wearing unknown clothing. The victim went to the checkout stand to pay for her discount clothing when she realized her wallet, car keys and make-up bag were missing from her purse. She began making phone calls to her credit card companies to cancel her various credit cards. The victim's credit card company informed her that somebody bought items at a department store in Redondo Beach, a department and computer store in Manhattan Beach, and an electronics store in El Segundo from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The victim did not know how much was charged to each card but that \$3,000 was spent at the computer and department store in Manhattan Beach.

BRAWLING WOMEN
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Police responded to a parking structure at 12th and Highland around 1:30 a.m. after receiving reports of two women fighting each other. Dispatch advised responding officers that one of the women broke the antenna and kicked the passenger side door of a

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Calendar

THURSDAY DECEMBER 10, 2009

- Manhattan Beach Youth Professionals Regional YP Holiday Party. The Party will be located at the Automobile Driving Museum, 610 Lairport Street.
- Volunteer training from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Roundhouse Aquarium. Potential volunteers will receive training related to the animals in the aquarium and the duties and responsibilities of volunteers. Please contact Lauren Holman at 310-379-8117 or visit www.roundhouseaquarium.org.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 11, 2009

- 350 Candlelight Vigil. Please join the South Bay 350 Climate Action Group on Friday, December 11, 2009 in Hermosa Beach, from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. The event will be located at the intersection of Valley Drive and Pier Ave., and parking is available at the Public Library or across the street from Cypress Park. Please bring a candle and join in this movement to send the world a message about climate change. To RSVP for this event please visit the 350.org event website http://www.350.org/node/13000.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 12, 2009

- Vista Mar School Open House from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Reservations requested. At VistaMar, students build a solid foundation of academic skills. 373 Hawaii Street, El Segundo. Visit vistamarschool.org or call 310-643-7377 for more information.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 13, 2009

- Holiday Fireworks! Program begins at 4:00 p.m. and the Fireworks show begins at 6:30 p.m.

UPCOMING

- Wednesday 16th Dec 2009, Comedy Movie - I'll Be There Beginning at 1:30 p.m. and followed by discussion. Joslyn Center, 1601 Valley Dr., Manhattan Beach. Free event, all are welcome. Info 310-372-9505.
- Saturday and Sunday, December 19 and 20 at 10:00 AM there will be a Sunset Craft Fair at the Roundhouse Aquarium. Children will have the opportunity to engage in numerous crafts including decorating cookies and constructing fish ornaments and holiday cards.

ONGOING

- MOMS Club of Manhattan Beach. Meet local at-home mothers for friendship, fun playgroups, support and more! For membership info and meeting dates/locations call Michelle at (310) 489-3927 or

momsclub90266@hotmail.com

- A beginner class in Scottish Country Dancing is starting in Manhattan Beach on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm. The class meets at the Knights of Columbus Hall 224 1/2 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Manhattan Beach. The first two lessons are free. For further information contact Willma 310-546-2005.

- Sea Story Time at the Roundhouse Aquarium 11:30 a.m. each Sunday the Aquarium features a unique interactive experience for children that involves listening to a story about ocean animals, exploring real animal artifacts, and doing a craft that they can take home. Afterwards, they can enjoy all the wonderful displays the aquarium has to offer. This program is free, but donations are greatly appreciated. The Roundhouse Marine Studies Lab and Aquarium is located at the end of the Manhattan Beach pier. For more information call 310-379-8117 visit roundhouseaquarium.org

- Recovery International offers effective self-help method, allowing personal control over anxiety, depression, and anger. (Free, but donations accepted.) Meetings are Mondays, 1:00 p.m. at the Center for Spiritual Living, 907 Knob Hill Ave. (at Prospect), Redondo Beach. Back Entrance. Call (310) 322-6373 for more information.

- Older Adults discussion group. Come discuss current events, movies, and topics of local and national interest, whatever is on your mind. The discussion group meets every Monday from 9:00 a.m. - noon at the Joslyn Community Center, 1601 Valley Drive. For more information please call The Older Adults Program (310) 802-5447.

- Caregivers Support Group. A support group has been formed in Manhattan Beach for caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease and other related dementia or memory loss. The group will have the opportunity to share their experiences, provide information, and do problem solving of similar situations. Caregivers are welcome and participation is free. To participate, call Madonna Newburg at 310-546-1876 for information and location.

- Play Reading activity facilitated by KC Johnson and Maria A. Ruiz, two experienced artists in the South Bay, Every 1st Tuesday from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Joslyn Center, 1601 Valley Drive, MB. Free Event, Sponsored by Parks and Recreation. All are welcome. For more detailed Information call: 310-325-3251 or 310- 540-5635. •

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