

Neighborhood Watch Crime Bulletin #62 To All Our Neighborhood Watch Personnel:

Our Latest and Greatest Crime Bulletin



Criminal Activity Alert!!

With the holiday season upon us, the opportunity for criminal activity increases. We are now seeing a **large increase (15) in thefts from autos**. These thefts have occurred in South Ocean Pines in the King Richard, Camelot, Robin Hood areas, as well as in North Ocean Pines, in the Sandyhook, Birdsnest areas. Unfortunately, ALL of these thefts are from **unlocked** autos. It appears that money and electronics are the target of these thefts.

As the suspect(s) are mobile, it is incumbent upon **all** residents to be extra vigilant in locking their vehicles and reporting suspicious activity. The Police Department is focusing its resources to solve these cases. The holiday season is a particularly vulnerable time, due to the large number of non-residents visiting our community.

Among other criminal activity, since our last Crime Bulletin:

- **1st Degree Assault Arrest:**

As the result of a domestic dispute, a man slashed his roommate's tires and chased him at knifepoint. He was arrested for 1st and 2nd Degree Assault, as well as malicious destruction.

- **1st Degree Burglary Arrest:**

A suspected drug user was arrested for burglarizing an Ocean Pines residence. He stole electronic equipment from the home.

- **Violations of Protective Order:**

A suspect was arrested twice for violations of a domestic protective order. Unfortunately, he was released by a court commissioner the first time.

- **Domestic Assaults:**

In two separate domestic incidents, police arrested the suspects for 2nd Degree Assault.

- **Fraud/Theft Case:**

Police have obtained arrest warrants for a grandson, with a suspected drug habit, who stole/gambled \$27,000 in funds from his grandparents. The suspect is still at large.

- **Theft Arrests:**

In two separate cases, police arrested suspects for Theft Under \$1,000.

- **Warrant Arrests:**

Whenever Ocean Pines Police serve arrest warrants inside Ocean Pines, the originating jurisdiction gets credit for the arrest. Nevertheless, police risk injury in locating and serving active arrest warrants. Since our last Crime Bulletin, Ocean Pines Police arrested eleven (11) individuals on active arrest warrants, from other jurisdictions.

- **Driving While Intoxicated Arrests:**

Recently, I have noticed an increase in the level of intoxication in several of the drunk drivers we have arrested. In several cases, the level of intoxication was double the legal limit of intoxication. With the onset of the holiday season, we are reminding everyone to utilize a designated driver or taxi cab when partying during the holidays.

Police arrested eleven (11) suspected drunk drivers since our last Crime Bulletin.

- **Drug Overdoses:**

Police responded to ten (10) suspected drug overdoses during this period. In one case, Ocean Pines officers administered Naloxone to revive the victim.

- **Traffic Control/Special Events:**

Coordinating with our Neighborhood Watch personnel, police assisted in three (3) major special events, including the Craft Fair, Veteran's Memorial Ceremony, and the OP Christmas Tree Lighting event. Our civilian volunteers in Neighborhood Watch handle the majority of traffic control at these events.

Take a bite out of crime. Join Neighborhood Watch

Chief David C. Massey, Ed.D.

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