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West Valley Area is currently receiving reports of several garage burglaries. We ask that you not leave your garage open and unattended. This is generally a preventable crime, which we can reduce with your help.

Crime and Arrest Information.

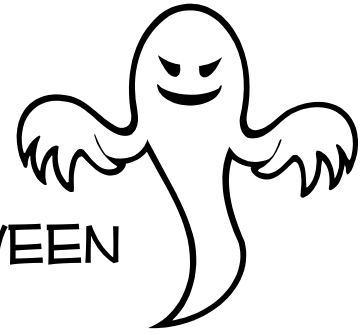
Below is a snapshot of just a few of the arrests that officers made in West Valley in the past couple weeks:

- A suspect stole a vehicle from a car dealership. The car was equipped with the “On Star” tracking system. Officers located the vehicle and attempted a traffic stop. The suspect fled southbound on Fallbrook Ave. to westbound Del Valle with the officers in pursuit. In his attempt to flee, the suspect drove the vehicle off the roadway and nearly down a large hill. The suspect was captured after fleeing on foot. This suspect has been linked to over 15 armed robberies in the San Fernando Valley, with the majority of them occurring in West Valley. The suspect was previously nicknamed “The Garden-Gloved Bandit”. (10A75)
- 72XX Independence Ave-. Two men became involved in a verbal argument which escalated into a physical altercation. The suspect stabbed the victim several times during the altercation with an unknown object. The suspect then calmly walked home. The victim was transported to Northridge Hospital, and officers arrested the suspect for Assault with A Deadly Weapon. (10A3)
- 81XX Vanalden Street- One student was approached by another at school. A discussion ensued regarding the victims gang affiliation. The victim denied gang involvement. Suspect continued taunting the victim until a physical altercation occurred. Several additional students joined in “jumping” the victim. The school administration stopped the fight, and three students were arrested for Battery on School Grounds. (10A27)
- Irondale Ave. at Clarendon St.-Officers observed two individuals sitting in a car which was filled with smoke. The windows were rolled up and the smoke created a “mist” in the car. Officers approached the car to investigate. The suspects exhibited the symptoms of being under the influence of a narcotic. Officers removed the individuals from the car for closer observation. The female stated that she had drugs in her shirt, and a baggie containing narcotics fell to the ground. The male suspect gave a false name, when he was pressed for his true identity; he attempted to kick the officer. He then fled on foot. A perimeter was established, and the suspect ran through an elderly ladies sliding glass door, and held her hostage. Officers located the suspect and he was placed under arrest for Burglary, being Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance, and False Imprisonment. The female was arrested for being in Possession of a Controlled Substance. (10A3)
- Platt Ave. at Victory Blvd. – Officers, equipped with a detailed description of a Robbery suspect and his vehicle. The officers observed a vehicle matching that description, and followed it to get a look at the driver. The driver matched the Robbery suspect’s description also. Officers conducted a traffic stop of the man and Detectives responded to speak to him. The man gave consent for the officers to search his bedroom, and gained consent from his mother to search the entire residence. Officers located clothing matching the Robbery suspect’s description, and a firearm. A witness from the previous Robbery identified the man as the individual who robbed him from a photo line-up. The suspect was arrested for more than five Armed Robberies. (10A73)

You can look up crime activity in your neighborhood on-line at www.lapdonline.org or www.lapdcrimemaps.org .

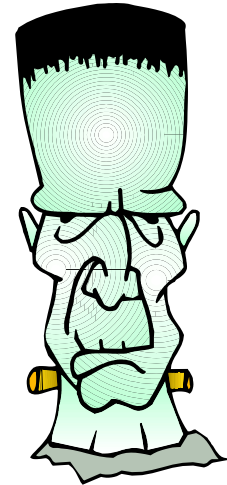


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SAFETY TIPS FOR HALLOWEEN

- ⇒ Try to Trick or Treat while it is still light outside.
- ⇒ Wear a costume that makes it easier for you to walk, see and be seen.
- ⇒ If you must go at night, make sure that your costume is light in color.
- ⇒ Carry a flashlight with you so you can be seen easily.
- ⇒ Use reflective tape on your costume to be seen easily.
- ⇒ A mask may keep you from seeing well. Take off your mask before crossing the street.
- ⇒ Use makeup instead of a mask.
- ⇒ Ask your parents, older brother or sister to Trick or Treat with you.
- ⇒ If someone older cannot go with you, Trick or Treat with a group.
- ⇒ Plan your Trick or Treat route ahead of time. Pick well-lighted streets.
- ⇒ Cross only at corners. Never cross between parked cars or mid-block.
- ⇒ Tell your family on which streets you will be Trick or Treating.
- ⇒ If there are no sidewalks, always walk facing the traffic.
- ⇒ Wait until you get home to sort, check and eat your treats.



For Homeowners:

- ⇒ Please keep your yard well lit.
- ⇒ Do not leave your yard decorations unattended.
- ⇒ Place a small string of Holiday lights into your Jack-O-Lanterns instead of candles.
- ⇒ Give out intact, pre-wrapped, candy and save the homemade items for friends!

Neighborhood Watch Meeting Schedule:

Canoga Park Neighborhood Watch
The second Tuesday of the month
7248 Owensmouth Ave
7pm.
374-7636

Encino Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Every other month
Call for details.
374-7637

Reseda Neighborhood Watch Meeting
The second Thursday of the month
West Valley Police Station
7pm.

Tarzana Neighborhood Watch Meeting
The third Wednesday of the month
West Valley Police Station
7pm.
374-7632

**South Canoga Park/ West Winnetka
Neighborhood Watch**
The third Wednesday of the month
20830 Sherman Way, Canoga Park
7pm.
374-7631

Winnetka Neighborhood Watch
The second Thursday of the month
6844 Oakdale Ave.
7pm.
374-7635

West Hills Neighborhood Watch
The second Monday of the month
7633 March Ave, West Hills
7pm.
374-7634

Woodland Hills Neighborhood Watch
The second Tuesday of the month
22200 Ventura Blvd (Woodland Hills Library)
6:30pm.
374-7638

**All times and dates are subject to change,
Please call the Senior Lead Officer to verify
prior to attending.**

**Due to mailing costs, we are no longer able to
mail out reminder notices for the Neighborhood
Watch meetings. Please contact your Senior
Lead Officer with your email address so that we
may email meeting reminders to you!**