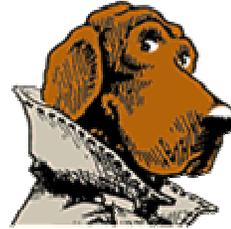




HUNTINGTON BEACH

# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER



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**NON-EMERGENCY/DISPATCH** 960-8825  
**POLICE: Business Line** 960-8811  
**Vacation checks (R.S.V.P.)** 374-1507  
**Website:** <http://www.hbpd.org>

**Information Desk** 960-8843  
**Graffiti Hot Line** 960-8861  
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## 2004 Postage Donations



Huntington Beach Neighborhood Watch needs to raise \$20,000 this year to cover postage costs. A \$4

donation from each subscriber will generate the money we need to continue to mail the newsletter to you.

So far this year, we have received \$4,562. Your contribution is needed in order for us to continue mailing the newsletter directly to you.

A \$5 donation puts your name in the newsletter as a contributor. A \$20 donation or more will put your name in the newsletter and you receive a Neighborhood Watch sticker and a Surf City key chain. Make your check out to HB Neighborhood Watch and sent to HB Neighborhood Watch, P.O. Box 5667, Huntington Beach, CA 92615 or Huntington Beach Police Dept., 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648

## NEWSLETTER GOES ONLINE

If you would like to receive the newsletter over the Internet, please send your e-mail address to [swajda@hbpd.org](mailto:swajda@hbpd.org). Also include your name and address so we can remove your name from our postage mailing list.

## FREE GUN LOCKS STILL AVAILABLE

If you would like to pick up a free cable styled gunlock, they are still available at the police department's front desk. Call 536-5933 if you need more information.

**BOARD MEETING**  
**NO BOARD MEETING**  
**JUNE, JULY OR AUGUST.**

## IDENTITY THEFT A Quick Reference Guide 2004

### PC 530.5: Unauthorized Use of Personal Identifying Information

- (a) Every person who willfully obtains personal identifying information, as defined in subdivision (b), of another person without the authorization of that person, and uses that information for any unlawful purpose, including to obtain, or attempt to obtain, credit, goods, services, or medical information in the name of the other person without the consent of that person is guilty of a public offense.

### What is Identity Theft?

Identity theft involves acquiring key pieces of someone's identifying information, such as name, address, date of birth, social security number and mother's maiden name, in order to impersonate them. This information enables the identify thief to commit numerous forms of fraud which include, but are not limited to, taking over the victim's financial accounts, opening new bank accounts, purchasing automobiles, applying for loans, credit cards and social security benefits, renting apartments, and establishing services with the utility and phone companies.

### What to do if you become a victim:

- Set up a folder to keep a detailed history of this crime.
- Keep a log of all your contacts and make copies of all documents.
- Contact all creditors, by phone and in writing, to inform them of the problem.
- Notify the US Postal Inspector if your mail has been stolen or tampered with:
  - US Postal Inspection Service (See phone listing under *Federal Government*.)
  - US Postal Inspection Service—Local Post Office (See phone listing under *Federal Government*.)
  - [www.usps.gov/websites/depart/inspect](http://www.usps.gov/websites/depart/inspect)
- Contact the Federal Trade Commission to report the problem.
- [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) The FTC is the federal clearinghouse for complaints by victims to identity theft. The FTC helps victims by providing information to help resolve financial and other problems that could result from identity theft. Their hotline telephone number is 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338).

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## IDENTITY THEFT (Continued from Page 1.)

- Contact all creditors, by phone and in writing, to inform them of the problem.
- Call each of the three credit bureaus' fraud units to report identity theft. Ask to have a "Fraud Alert/Victim Impact" statement placed in your credit file asking that creditors call you before opening any new accounts.
- Request that a copy of your credit report be sent to you.
- Alert your banks to flag your accounts and contact you to confirm any unusual activity.
- If you have any checks stolen or bank accounts set up fraudulently, report it to the following companies:
  - National Check Fraud Service: (843) 571-2143
  - SCAN – (800) 262-7771
  - TeleCheck – (800) 710-9898 or 927-0188
  - CheckRite – (800) 766-2748
  - CrossCheck – (707) 586-0551
  - Equifax Check Systems – (800) 437-5120
  - International Check Services – (800) 526-5380
- Contact the Social Security Administration's Fraud Hotline at 1-800-269-0271.
- Contact the state office of the Department of Motor Vehicles to see if another license was issued in your name. If so, request a new license number and fill out the DMV's complaint form to begin the fraud investigation process.
- Obtain description of suspect (if known).
- Obtain witness information:
  - Persons who accept applications
  - Salespeople
  - Apartment Managers
  - Employers
- Evidence: Gather all documents and supply them to the Huntington Beach Police Department at the time of the initial report or supplemental report.
- What is the financial loss to you? Attach all supporting documentation.

Make note of your case number in your detailed history folder and reference it when you have contact with any business or law enforcement agency concerning this report. Depending upon the location (jurisdiction) of where the crime occurred (goods or services obtained or delivered), an investigator may or may not be assigned to this case.

If the crime occurred in our jurisdiction and there are workable leads, such as witnesses and suspect information, an investigator will be assigned to the case. Unfortunately, not all cases will be assigned to an investigator because there are no significant leads to identify the suspect. Call the Huntington Beach Police Dept. at (714) 536-5951 to find out if an investigator has been assigned to your case.

If the crime occurred outside of our jurisdiction, a copy of the crime report will be forwarded to the appropriate law enforcement agency for further investigation.

### Sample "Courtesy Notice"

(Date)

Dear (Creditor Name/Collection Agency Name):

On (Date), I received your letter demanding payment of (\$\$ amount). I did not open this account and incur this unpaid balance. Someone, other than myself, wrongfully used my personal information to obtain a line of credit/service. Your company extended a line of credit/services to someone, other than myself.

You are hereby notified that on (Date), I filed an identity theft report with the Huntington Beach Police Dept. The case # is (\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_), a copy of which can be obtained by contacting the HBPD Records Section at (714) 536-5641.

Sincerely,

(Your name and address)

### **CREDIT BUREAUS**

#### **Equifax**

To order your report call:

**1-800-685-1111**

To report fraud call:

**1-800-525-6285**

#### **Experian**

**TO ORDER YOUR REPORT CALL:**

**1-888-397-3742**

**TO REPORT FRAUD CALL:**

**1-888-397-3742**

#### **TRANS UNION**

**TO ORDER YOUR REPORT CALL:**

**1-800-888-4213**

**TO REPORT FRAUD CALL:**

**1-800-680-7289**

## HB-1—CRIME FIGHTER IN THE SKY

Poor weather



accounted for an unusual amount of abort



**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES GRAND THEFT AUTOS**

The police patrol areas are the north and south. The patrol beats are 2-13. Your RD (Reporting District) is the half-mile square surrounding your home.

To locate your Beat and RD, please check the map on the back inside page. In most cases, your BEAT/RD is identified on your address-mailing label.

**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES**  
**27 FOR APRIL**  
**23 FOR MARCH**

Eleven of the entries were due **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors, or 41% of the entries.

Further breakdown reveals 5 garage entries out of 25 burglaries, or 20% of the entries reported in April.

Twenty entries reported occurred during daytime (6:00 am. to 6:00 pm.). Five entries occurred during night (6:00 pm. to 6:00 am.).

There was three entries by window smash, four entries by force or pry, two attempts without entry, six entries by unknown means, one entry thru open vacant house.

**VEHICLE BURGLARIES**  
**94 IN APRIL**  
**83 IN MARCH**

**GRAND THEFT AUTOS**  
**54 IN APRIL**  
**43 IN MARCH**

**BEAT 2**

**0 Residential Burglaries**  
**5 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**4 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

None

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 464 - 2      RD 466 - 1  
 RD 476 - 2

Grand Theft Autos

RD 465 - 2      RD 476 - 2

**BEAT 3**

**0 Residential Burglaries**  
**0 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**1 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

None

Vehicle Burglaries

None

Grand Theft Auto

RD 446 - 1

**BEAT 4**

**4 Residential Burglaries**  
**5 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**8 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

RD 432 - 1      RD 443 - 1  
 RD 452 - 1      RD 463 - 1

Streets: Huntington, Seabright, two entries on Beach. There was two entries by unknown means, one entry by a window smash, one entry thru open window "house vacant". No garage burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 432 - 1      RD 452 - 1  
 RD 462 - 2      RD 473 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 433 - 1      RD 454 - 3  
 RD 452 - 1      RD 463 - 1  
 RD 473 - 1

**BEAT 5**

**2 Residential Burglaries**  
**2 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**1 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

RD 427- 2

Street: Pitcairn and Kamuela.

**ONE ENTRY THRU AN UNLOCKED WINDOW.** One attempt without entry. No garage burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 425 - 1      RD 436 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 434- 1

**BEAT 6**

**2 Residential Burglaries**  
**7 Vehicle burglaries**  
**4 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

RD 441 - 1      RD 451 - 1

Streets: 16<sup>th</sup> St. and 7<sup>th</sup> Street

**ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN GARAGE.** One entry by a window smash.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 329 - 1      RD 441 - 1  
 RD 451 - 2      RD 461 - 3

Grand Theft Autos

RD 348 - 1      RD 349 - 1  
 RD 451 - 1      RD 461 - 1

**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTOS**

**BEAT 7**

7 Residential Burglaries  
 7 Vehicle Burglaries  
 10 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 319 – 1      RD 412 – 2  
 RD 421 – 2      RD 422 – 2

Streets: Caddington, Clay, Amberleaf, Berry, Seabluff, Huntington, and Delaware.

**FIVE ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.**

One entry by unknown means and one entry by force or prytool. There were three garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 292 – 1      RD 293 – 1  
 RD 411 – 1      RD 413 – 3  
 RD 421 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 291 – 3      RD 412 – 3  
 RD 422 – 3      RD 423 – 1

**BEAT 8**

3 Residential Burglaries  
 16 Vehicle Burglaries  
 7 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 178 – 3

Streets: Evergreen, Erwin and Warner.

**ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW.**

One by force or pry. One entry by a window smash. There were no garage burglaries

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 176 - 2      RD 177 – 1  
 RD 178 - 2      RD 179 – 3  
 RD 186 – 1      RD 187 – 1  
 RD 188 – 4      RD 189 – 1  
 RD 199 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 178 – 2      RD 179 – 1  
 RD 198 – 3      RD 281 – 1

**BEAT 9**

0 Residential Burglaries  
 17 Vehicle Burglaries  
 3 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

None

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 263 – 1      RD 271 – 1  
 RD 272 – 8      RD 273 – 3  
 RD 282 – 2      RD 283 – 2

Grand Theft Autos

RD 264 – 2      RD 282 – 1

**BEAT 10**

6 Residential Burglaries  
 5 Vehicle Burglaries  
 4 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 152 – 1      RD 165 – 1  
 RD 173 – 4

Street: Moritz, Pearce, Warner and three entries on Bolero(vacant under

contstruction.) **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS**

**OR DOORS.** One entry by force or pry tool, one attempt without entry, two entries by unknown means. There was one garage burglary.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 165 – 4      RD 174 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 153 – 1      RD 155 – 1  
 RD 165 – 1      RD 175 – 1

**BEAT 11**

0 Residential Burglaries  
 4 Vehicle Burglaries  
 0 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

None

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 167 – 1      RD 168 – 2  
 RD 169 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

None

**BEAT 12**

0 Residential Burglaries  
 9 Vehicle Burglaries  
 2 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

None

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 118 – 1      RD 126 – 1  
 RD 128 – 4      RD 139 – 2  
 RD 146 – 1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 139 – 1      RD 149 - 1

**BEAT 13**

3 Residential Burglaries  
 17 Vehicle Burglaries  
 10 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 252 – 3

Streets: Aldrich and two entries on Glencoe.

**ONE ENTRY BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOW OR DOOR.**

One entry by force or pry, one entry by unknown means. One entry was a garage burglary. Suspect in custody for Glencoe open window entry.

Suspect seen in Aldrich forced garage entry: Male Hispanic adult, 30-40's, black goatee.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 241 – 2      RD 242 – 2  
 RD 252 – 5      RD 253 – 1  
 RD 261 – 2      RD 262 – 5

Grand Theft Autos

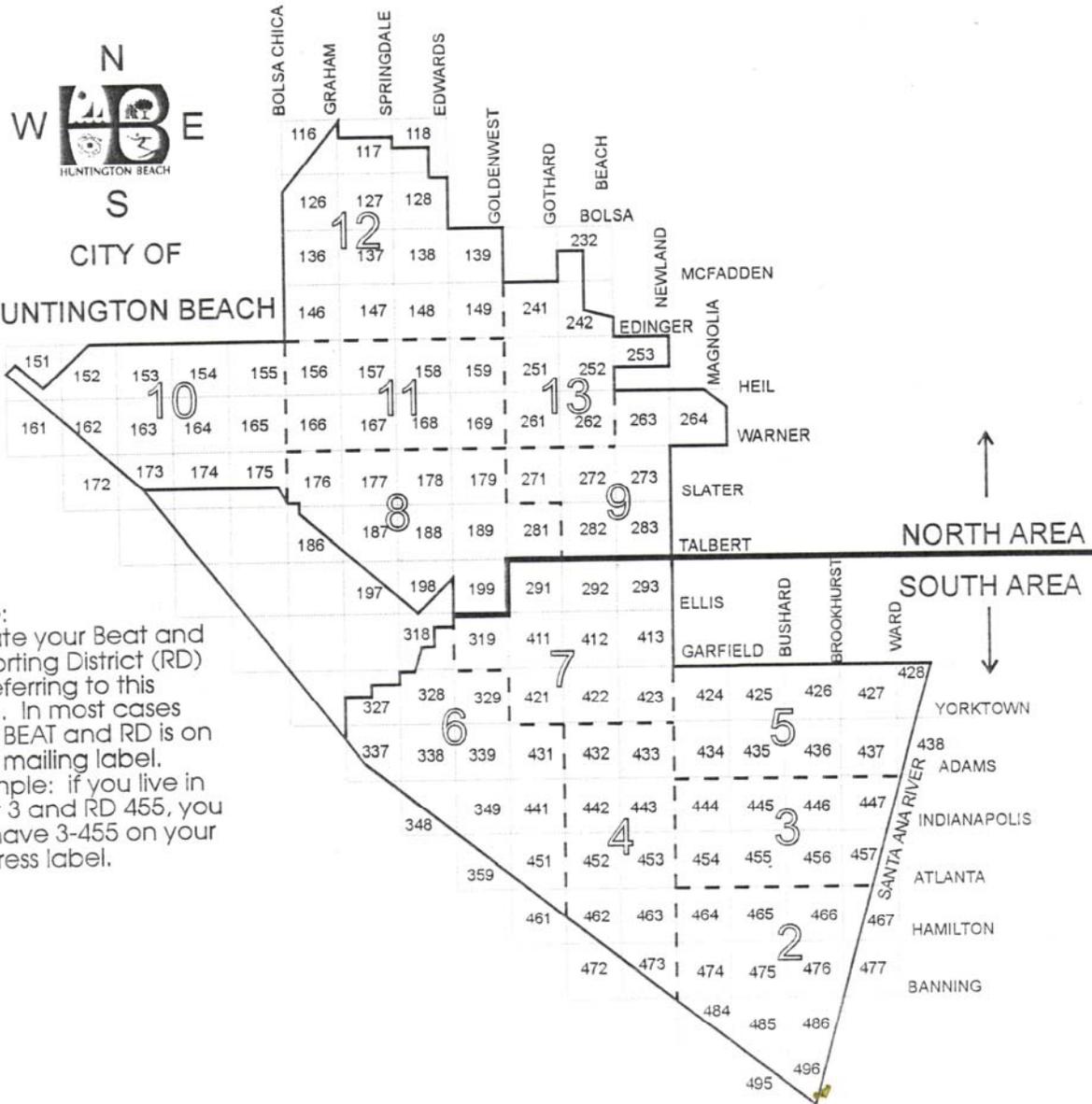
RD 232 – 1      RD 241 – 1  
 RD 242 – 1      RD 252 – 3  
 RD 253 – 2      RD 262 – 2

Neighborhood Watch meetings are conducted on Tues., Wed., or Thurs. evening, usually starting at 7 pm and ending around 8:30 pm. We need a home to have the meeting in and your neighbors to attend. Call 536-5933 to schedule a date for your meeting. It will give you peace of mind to know your neighbors are working together to keep crime out of your neighborhood.





**HUNTINGTON BEACH**



Note:  
 Locate your Beat and Reporting District (RD) by referring to this map. In most cases your BEAT and RD is on your mailing label.  
 Example: if you live in Beat 3 and RD 455, you will have 3-455 on your address label.

**NORTH AREA**  
**SOUTH AREA**