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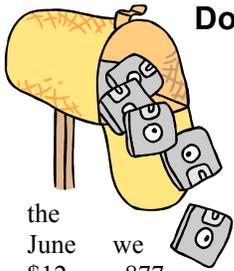
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Donations Update



This year we need to raise \$20,000 to cover postal costs through the end of June we received a total of \$12,877 from our subscribers. So we have another \$7,123 to raise in order to have enough money by the end of the year.

A \$4 donation from each subscriber will generate the money we need to continue to mail 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 send to:

HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
P O BOX 5667
HUNT. BEACH, CA 92615

Or:

Neighborhood Watch
Huntington Beach Police Dept.
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach CA 92648

BOARD MEETING

9/14/04 @ 6:30 PM

Huntington Beach Police Dept.
2ND Floor Conference Room

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR ATM FRAUD



In the last several months, Huntington Beach Police Department has received reports on six different credit card frauds involving ATM machines. The suspect will place a device into the ATM machine, making it malfunction. The suspect then waits for a victim to place their ATM card into the ATM machine and waits for the card to become stuck in the machine. The suspect then approaches the victim and offers his assistance. He tells the victim he works for the bank or he used to. He then has the victim re-enter their PIN number and push "Cancel." When the card becomes stuck in the machine, the victims will leave and call the bank at a later time. The suspect returns to the ATM machine and removes the device along with the ATM card. He will usually place the card back into another terminal and enter the victim's

PIN number, which he observed when he had the victim re-enter the number. The suspect seen in these cases is described as a male white or light-skin Hispanic, 30-35 years, approximately 5'8", 170 pounds, with short brown hair, medium build, wearing a dark baseball cap.

KIDS 'N CARS, NOT EVEN FOR A MINUTE

Most well-meaning parents have done it. On a hectic day of running errands with children in tow, we have left the kids in the car "just for a minute" while running into the drycleaners, convenience store, or dropping another child off at school. It seems like a harmless thing to do and definitely shaves minutes off a hurried day. However, the results of leaving a child unattended in a vehicle can be deadly. Here are just a couple of examples of what has happened to children who were left unattended in a car: heat stroke that led to permanent brain damage or death, injuries or deaths occurred because a child climbed out of the car seat and shifted the car into gear, became ill or worse from heat or car fumes, abducted when someone broke into the car. If the vehicle is running or keys are left in the ignition, the risks dramatically increase for carjacking (the car and the children).



MAJOR SCAM ON DIALING AREA CODES 809, 284, AND 876

This scam was reported by Verizon and AT&T and has been identified by the National Fraud Information as costing victims lots of money.

Don't respond to E-mails, phone calls, or web pages telling you to call area codes of 809, 284, and 876.



This is a very important issue because it alerts you to a scam that is spreading "extremely" quickly, and can easily cost you \$2400 or more, and is difficult to avoid unless you are aware of it. There are lots of different permutations of this scam.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

You will receive a message on your answering machine or your pager, which asks you to call a number beginning with the area code 809, 284, or 876. The reason you are asked to call varies. It can be to receive information about a family member who has been ill, or died, to tell you someone has been arrested, or to let you know you have won a wonderful prize, etc. In each case, you are told to call the 809, 284, or 876 area code right away. Since there are so many new area codes these days, people unknowingly return these calls.

If you call from the United States, you will apparently be charged \$2,425 per minute. You will get a long recorded message. The point is, they will try to keep you on the phone as long as possible to increase the charges. Unfortunately, when you receive your phone bill, you'll often be charged more than \$24, 100.

WHY IT WORKS:

The 809 area code is located in the British Virgin Islands (the Bahamas). The 809 area code can be used as a "pay-per-call" number, similar to 900 numbers in the United States. Since 809 is not in the United States, it is not covered by U.S. regulations of 900 numbers, which require that you be notified and warned of charges and rates involved when you call a "pay-per-call" number. There is also no requirement that the company provide a time period during which you may terminate the call without being charged.

AT&T and Verizon recommend that, no matter how you get the message, and you are asked to call these area codes that you do not recognize, you disregard the message. It is important to prevent becoming a victim of this scam, since trying to fight the charges afterwards can become a real nightmare. That's because you did actually make the call. If you complain, both your local phone company and your long distance carrier will not want to become involved and will most likely tell you that they are simply providing the billing for the foreign company. You will end up dealing with a foreign company that argues they have done nothing wrong.

BANK ATMs CONVERTED TO STEAL IDS OF BANK CUSTOMERS

FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS , AUSTIN POLICE DEPT

A team of organized criminals is installing equipment on legitimate bank ATMs in at least two regions to steal both the ATM card number and the PIN. The team sits nearby in a car receiving the information transmitted wirelessly over weekends and evenings from equipment they install on the front of the ATM (see photo). If you see an attachment like this, do not use the ATM and report it immediately to the bank using the 800 number or phone on the front of the ATM.

The equipment used to capture your ATM card number and PIN is cleverly disguised to look like normal ATM equipment. A "skimmer" is mounted to the front of the normal ATM card slot that reads the ATM card number and transmits it to the criminals sitting in a nearby car.

At the same time, a wireless camera is disguised to look like a leaflet holder and is mounted in a position to view ATM PIN entries.

The thieves copy the cards and use the PIN numbers to withdraw thousands from many accounts in a very short time directly from the bank ATM.



Equipment being installed on front of existing bank card slot.

GUN LOCKS AVAILABLE AGAIN

If you missed out on getting a free cable gun lock, we have a new supply. Gun locks are available at the Huntington Beach Police Department front desk. Stop by and pick one up.

HB1—CRIME FIGHTER IN THE SKY

June was a month in which the Aero Unit involved itself in a number of high-speed pursuits, ensuring a positive outcome at their termination.



Officers Catalano and McNaughton called a pursuit of bank robbery suspects that went into the city of Compton. The pursuit lasted for an hour with suspects finally fleeing on foot. HB1 called the foot pursuits and all suspects were arrested and the cash recovered.

HB1 observed a possible DUI on Pacific Coast Highway and called for a unit to stop the car. The DUI reached speeds in excess of 90 mph and before he could be stopped, crashed into another vehicle. Units were directed and the suspect was arrested for felony DUI.

Officers Paholski and Reed were working in the area of Adams and Magnolia, when they were hit by a powerful laser. Officer Paholski suffered minor eye injuries and was treated at the hospital. The suspect was later arrested and charges filed.

Officer Pappas successfully passed his Private Rotorcraft Exam and is now working on his Commercial Rating. Additionally, aircrews were responsible for 5 DUIs and 45 traffic citations.

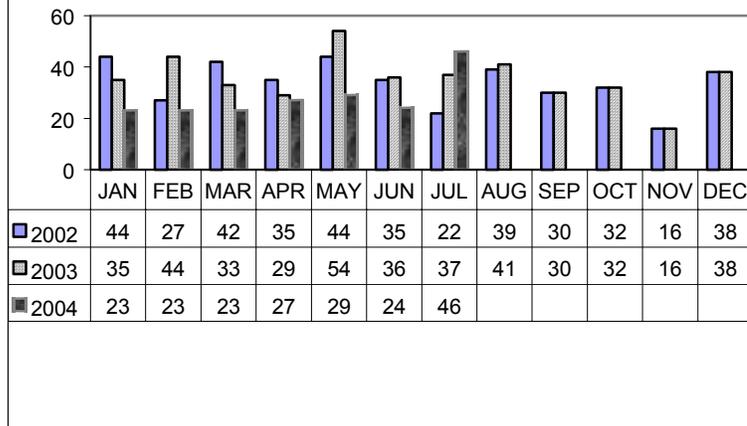
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Special thanks to our members for their postage donation.

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- Ward, Elaine
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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

**46 FOR JULY
24 FOR JUNE**

Twenty-seven of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors, or 59% of the entries.

Further breakdown reveals 8 garage entries out of 46 burglaries, or 17% of the entries reported in June.

Thirty-four entries reported occurred during daytime (6:00 am. to 6:00 pm.). Twelve entries occurred during night (6:00 pm. to 6:00 am.).

There were four attempts without entry, one entry in a vacant house by unknown means, three entries by unknown means, two entries by window smash, eight entries by force or pry tool, one entry by a passkey.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES

**102 IN JULY
83 IN JUNE**

GRAND THEFT AUTOS

**64 IN JULY
44 IN JUNE**

BEAT 2

- 4 Residential Burglaries**
- 2 Vehicle Burglaries**
- 3 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 466 – 1 RD 467 – 1
RD 476 – 2**

Streets: Amberick, Oceanbreeze , two entries on Brookhurst. **THREE ENTRIES BY OPEN WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One attempt without entry. There were no garage burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 476 - 1 RD 485 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 466 - 1 RD 474 – 1
RD 477 – 1**

BEAT 3

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

Residential Burglaries

RD 444 – 1 RD 455 – 1

Streets: Larthorne, Crestview. **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW.**

One entry by unknown means in a vacant house. Suspect arrested in Crestview unknown entry. There were no garage burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 447 – 1 RD 455 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 446 – 1

BEAT 4

- 9 Residential Burglaries**
- 11 Vehicle Burglaries**
- 3 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 432 – 2 RD 442 - 2
RD 443 – 2 RD 463 – 2
RD 473 – 1**

Streets: Alsuna, Alabama, England, Memphis, Tidepool, Cape coral, Banff, Pennington and Newland. **SEVEN ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED**

DOORS OR WINDOWS. One entry by unknown means, one entry by a window smash There were two garage burglaries Suspects arrested in Alabama and Tidepool burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 432 – 2 RD 442 – 2
RD 452 - 1 RD 462 – 2
RD 463 – 1 RD 472 – 2
RD 473 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 443 – 1 RD 463 – 1
RD 473 – 1**

BEAT 5

- 4 Residential Burglaries**
- 8 Vehicle Burglaries**
- 1 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

RD 425 – 2 RD 437 - 2

Streets: McLaren, Hickory, Carmania and Margate. **THREE ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One entry by unknown means. There was one garage burglary.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 425 – 1 RD 434 – 1
RD 436 – 6**

Grand Theft Autos

RD 435 – 1

BEAT 6

- 5 Residential Burglaries**
- 13 Vehicle Burglaries**
- 10 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 327 – 1 RD 349 – 1
RD 441 – 2 RD 461 - 1**

Streets: Coldstream, Pecan, Palm, 11th St., and Pacific Coast Highway.

THREE ENTRIES BY OPEN WINDOWS OR DOORS. One entry by window smash and one attempt without entry. There was two garage burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 326 - 1 RD 339 - 2
RD 349 – 1 RD 359 – 2
RD 441 – 1 RD 451 – 6**

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 326 – 1 RD 437 – 1
RD 348 – 1 RD 349 – 1
RD 359 – 1 RD 451 – 4
RD 461 – 1**

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTOS

BEAT 7

0 Residential Burglaries
 9 Vehicle Burglaries
 6 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

None

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 411 - 1 RD 412 - 1
 RD 413 - 3 RD 422 - 2
 RD 423 - 2

Grand Theft Autos

RD 412 - 1 RD 413 - 2
 RD 421 - 2 RD 422 - 1

BEAT 8

2 Residential Burglaries
 5 Vehicle Burglaries
 1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 179 - 1 RD 189 - 1

Streets: Cory, Luciento. **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN DOOR.** One entry by unknown means. There were no garage burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 177 - 2 RD 178 - 1
 RD 179 - 1 RD 187 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 281 - 1

BEAT 9

1 Residential Burglary
 8 Vehicle Burglaries
 13 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 264 - 1

Street: Landau. Entry by a pry tool. No garage burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 272 - 5 RD 283 - 3

Grand Theft Autos

RD 263 - 1 RD 264 - 1
 RD 271 - 1 RD 272 - 2
 RD 273 - 2 RD 282 - 4
 RD 283 - 2

BEAT 10

7 Residential Burglaries
 12 Vehicle Burglaries
 4 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 153 - 1 RD 155 - 1
 RD 165 - 4 RD 175 - 1

Streets: Montego, Kona, Sell, Heil, Green, two entries on Pearce. **FOUR ENTRIES BY OPEN OR**

UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR

DOORS. One entry by a passkey, two attempts without entry. There were no garage burglaries

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 153 - 2 RD 154 - 1
 RD 155 - 1 RD 165 - 3
 RD 175 - 5

Grand Theft Autos

RD 153 - 1 RD 165 - 1
 RD 173 - 2

BEAT 11

1 Residential Burglary
 8 Vehicle Burglaries
 6 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 166 - 1

Street: Diamond. Entry thru an **OPEN** Garage.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 157 - 1 RD 158 - 1
 RD 166 - 2 RD 169 - 4

Grand Theft Autos

RD 157 - 1 RD 159 - 1
 RD 167 - 2 RD 169 - 2

BEAT 12

2 Residential Burglaries
 4 Vehicle Burglaries
 5 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 148 - 1 RD 149 - 1

Streets: Albion and Clare. **TWO ENTRIES DUE TO OPEN GARAGE DOORS.**

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 137 - 1 RD 147 - 3

Grand Theft Autos

RD 126 - 1 RD 128 - 3
 RD 136 - 1 RD 137 - 1
 RD 147 - 1

BEAT 13

9 Residential Burglaries
 20 Vehicle Burglaries
 9 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 251 - 3 RD 252 - 2
 RD 253 - 1 RD 261 - 1
 RD 262 - 2

Streets: Alabama, San Angelo, Warner, two entries on Rhone and four entries on Heil. **TWO ENTRIES DUE TO OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** Seven entries by force or pry tool. There was one garage burglary.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 241 - 2 RD 242 - 2
 RD 252 - 5 RD 253 - 3
 RD 261 - 1 RD 262 - 7

Grand Theft Autos

RD 241 - 1 RD 242 - 1
 RD 252 - 2 RD 261 - 1
 RD 262 - 4

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.

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

VIPS

Claire Pule

VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICES



Claire was born in Brooklyn, New York and moved to Southern California when she was 2 years old.

She graduated from Arcadia High School and moved to Huntington Beach. Her first job was working at Disneyland for 4 years and then she began working in offices. Claire graduated from business college and also attended Orange Coast College, majoring in interior

decorating.

Currently, Claire is an office manager for Konsortum (a consulting electrical engineering firm) in Santa Ana and has been there for seven years. Prior to this job she was an office manager for another electrical engineering firm for 18 years.

Claire is married to a Newport Beach Police Officer who will be retiring this December. She has a daughter from a previous marriage who is 27 years old and who is a graduate from the University of Santa Barbara.

Claire and her husband own an electric boat and enjoy sailing, entertaining their friends, golf, and walking their boxer dog, Duke. Claire also enjoys decorating her friends' homes and is also a personal clothes shopper for them.

For the police department she has volunteered at the downtown and Oak View substations, helps distribute the Neighborhood Watch newsletter, and helped with traffic control at the annual Shoreline Marathon. She has other volunteer activities and has helped with the Trauma Intervention Program for two years giving support to people in crisis situations. She also volunteered at the Transitional Center for Women as a hotline operator.

RSVP

Pat Linde

RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



Pat was born in Los Angeles, California and was raised in San Fernando Valley. She attended Immaculate Heart College in Hollywood and later went to Orange Coast College.

Pat met her husband Chic, who was a Marine Sgt. stationed at Camp Pendleton and they were married 6 months later. They have been married for 54 years and have two grown sons.

They moved to Costa Mesa and eventually moved to Huntington

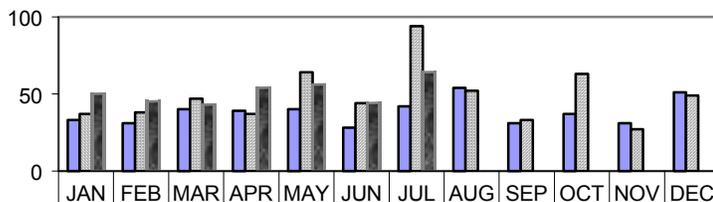
Beach in 1968. Pat worked for J.C. Penney's for 35 ½ years. She was a bookkeeper when she was first hired and later managed the Costa Mesa store before she retired.

Pat and Chic both love to travel now that they are retired. They have been all over Asia, Europe, Costa Rica, Mexico, and many other places. They recently went to China and enjoyed seeing the Great Wall, Beijing, and the Yangtze River.

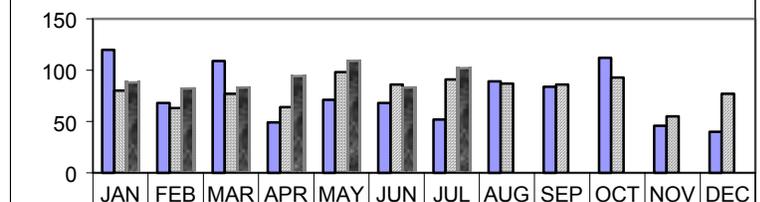
They have an antique Austin Healey British sports car and are active in that association. They also enjoy going to the Performing Art Center every month. They have 2 pet cats, Sunshine and Big Red, who are part of the family.

Pat has been a Retired Senior Volunteer for over two years. She is currently assigned to the front desk on a weekly basis, where she assists the public. She conducts vacation house checks, takes down illegally posted signs throughout the city, and fingerprints children at special events. She volunteers an average of 20 hours a week at the police department and is greatly appreciated for her time and dedication.

GRAND THEFT AUTO

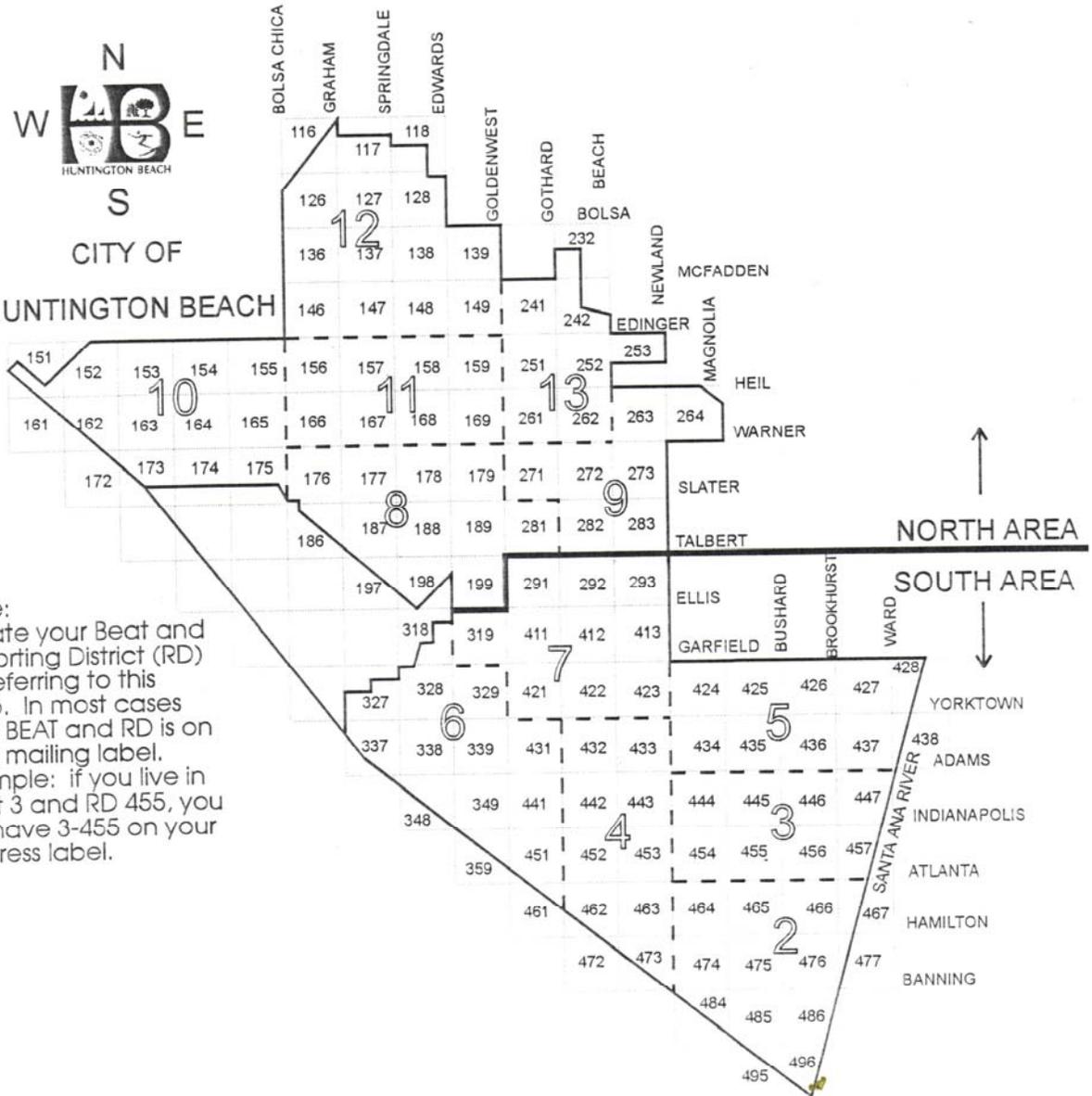


VEHICLE BURGLARIES





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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