

VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

M E M O R A N D U M



DATE: September 11, 2024
TO: Supervisor Gorell's Office and the Oak Park MAC
FROM: Detective Tim Behrend
RE: June MAC Law Enforcement Report

During the month of July and August, deputies working the Oak Park Community responded to 117 calls for service in July and 103 calls in August. They took 17 crime reports and 9 incident reports in July. They took 4 crime reports and 6 incident reports in August. Incident reports are generated from calls for service where deputies were unable to establish a crime but documented the incident. Those incidents are reviewed by Detectives to see if any further follow-up is required.

Vandalism

There was a vandalism report taken. Paintball rounds were fired at a home. Investigation is on going by East County General Investigative Unit.

Second vandalism report was damage of personal property, and the suspect was arrested. The case was handled by East County Patrol deputies.

Forgery / Fraud cases:

5 cases were investigated by detectives. There was theft of mail in from community mailboxes. Several victims were identified and had the personal information used and packages stolen. Case is under investigation by the EC General Investigations Unit. The other cases were internet scam cases and suspects opening fraudulent credit accounts in the victim's name. All these cases are being investigated by the EC Financial Crimes Unit. A way to stop thieves from stealing your identity is to lock or freeze your credit. You can do this through 3 major credit bureaus. Just go to their websites for more information.

Auto Crimes:

There were multiple vehicle stolen or had their licenses plates stolen through out Oak Park. These vehicles were used in a series of gun store burglaries through out southern California. Multiple suspects were arrested in these cases and the investigation was turned over to the ATF.

Burglary: There were no reports of residential or commercial burglaries during this reporting period.

We are still seeing the trend of telephone scams throughout the Area. Remind your community members if individuals ask for banking information or personal information this is a scam. These scammers will also ask for you to pay for services via gift cards or crypto currency. These are red flags and if you receive these calls hang up and call the Sheriff's Office. Also make sure to double check the phone number and internet address you search for to confirm they are legitimate. Do not use "sponsored" sites. Many are scam sites.

To help prevent theft from vehicles, we encourage everyone to lock their vehicles and remove all their valuable items. Remove it, Lock it, Keep it.

