

Weekly Report

Date: 01/29/2009

Submitted by: Chief Wayne Payne

Over the past week we have responded to a total of 1082 calls for service. The following are a few of the high lights of the week:

Offense	Number of Offense
Extra Patrol	2
Accidents	13
Assault	4
Burglary	4
Vehicle Burglary	1
Alarm	10
Checking Area	828
Vehicle Contact	75
Drug Violation	2
DUI	4
Drunk	1
Suspicious Person Vehicle	36
Shoplifting	6
Theft	3
Animal Problems	9
Slim Jim	13
Domestic	4
Rape	0
Armed Robbery	0
Cutting	0
Bank Robbery	0
Strong Armed Robbery	0
Arson	0
Total Calls for Service	1015

Burglary of a motor vehicle is a crime of opportunity. Don't become a victim, protect your car and personal property.

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In car burglaries, the items listed below are the most commonly stolen:

Backpacks, gym bags, briefcases, day-planners

Cash/coins, checkbooks and credit/debit cards

Wallets and purses (even when hidden under a seat or in an unlocked glove compartment)

Laptop computers, iPods and MP3 players, (and docking stations)

Cell phones (and chargers)

Portable GPS navigation systems

Stereo/CD players (and faceplates), amps, speakers (even when bolted down!)

Jewelry, keys, mail (identity theft), tools



Anything of obvious value

Residents can minimize their chances of being a **victim** by taking a few simple steps:

- **Keep all car doors and windows closed and locked – even if it's a quick errand. This sounds like common sense, but about 30% of vehicle burglaries are from vehicles where the doors were not locked or a window was down.**
- **Do not leave valuables or packages in plain sight in your vehicle. This may sound like a simple solution, but it happens all the time where items of value are left in plain view. It automatically makes you a target. If you must leave valuables in the car, put them in the trunk.**
- **If your vehicle has a built in security system, use it. If you **don't** have a security system installed, it is worth the investment - it may also qualify you for a discount on your auto insurance.**
- **Park your vehicle in an area that is visible to the public and well-lit at night. If possible, park your car in the garage. If garage parking is not available, the next best option is to park your car in the driveway and install motion-sensor security lighting on your home.**
- **Never leave an electronic garage opener in the car. It can provide a thief easy access to your home.**
- **Headed to the gym or hike & bike trail? Burglars are, too. Hiding valuables under the seat is not enough. Bring as few items as possible with you - leave jewelry, watches, laptops, etc at home. Keep any necessary valuables like keys,**



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identification, and credit cards on your person.

- *Keep a list of serial numbers (include make and model information, as well) for the commonly used electronic equipment you may keep in the car, like CD players, stereo faceplates, MP3 players, etc. Keep a copy of this inventory in a safe place such as a safe deposit box. We also suggest that you engrave your driver's license number on your valuables to aid in their recovery, should they be lost or stolen.*
- *If your car is burglarized, please report it to the police department immediately.*

We can all be better neighbors by watching out for each other. Be on the lookout for suspicious persons or activities in your area. No one knows a neighborhood better than the people who live there, so the Police Department depends on the assistance of concerned, responsible residents to report suspicious persons or activity. If you see something that looks suspicious, call and report it. Suspicious activity may include:

- *A person looking into parked cars may be looking for a car to steal or for valuables left in plain view inside.*
- *The sound of breaking glass or car alarm could mean a vehicle break-in.*
- *Any vehicle without lights at night, cruising slowly, or following a course that seems aimless or repetitive is suspicious in any location. Occupants may be "casing" for a burglary.*
- *Persons walking around a neighborhood pulling on car door handles may be looking for unlocked vehicles to steal from.*

Residents are encouraged to call the D'Iberville Police immediately about all suspicious activity. **Don't worry about feeling embarrassed if your suspicions are wrong; think instead about what could happen if your suspicions are right and you **don't** call. It is the Police Department's job to investigate suspicious matters, and any assistance in spotting suspicious persons or activities is greatly appreciated.**

REMEMBER:

- 1. A thief can burglarize your vehicle in less than 30 seconds!**
- 2. it only takes you about 20 seconds to at least move your valuables into your trunk, out of sight.**
- 3. If you see someone committing a crime Do Not confront them, call the police immediately.**
- 4. **Be** alert, **Be** aware, and be prepared to **Be** a good witness.**

If you have questions concerning vehicle burglaries or other crimes, please contact your D'Iberville Police Department at 396-4252. Should you need to report an in-progress crime, please call 865-7060, or **911**.

Police beat in review for the week of January 22, 2009 to January 29, 2009;

In the past week the following individuals were arrested for shoplifting. Arrested on 01/23/09, Ashley N Sexton of Altha, Fla. 1st offense, stole an items worth \$22.00; Arrested on 01/23/09, Angel Rodriguez of Biloxi 1st offense, stole an items worth \$14.88; Arrested on 01/23/09, Jesse C Agar of Biloxi 1st offense, stole an items worth \$17.80; Arrested on 01/24/09, Jessica M Waters of Biloxi 1st offense, stole an items worth \$4.00; Arrested on 01/28/09, Tiffany A Vinson of Vancleave 1st offense, stole an items worth \$59.88; the following were arrested for DUI, Arrested on 01/23/09, Herschel D Waldrop of Vancleave 1st Offense DUI and other traffic Charges; Arrested on 01/23/09, Mary L Thomas of D'Iberville 1st Offense DUI-

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other(drugs); Arrested on 01/23/09, Lonnie Jackson Colwell of Biloxi 2nd t Offense DUI and other traffic Charges; Arrested on 01/24/09, Victor Miranda of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. 1st Offense DUI and other traffic Charges; Arrested on 01/25/09, Lance Joe Bammer of Biloxi 1st Offense DUI and other traffic Charges; Arrested on 01/25/09, Sandra A Broussard of D'Iberville 2nd t Offense DUI and other traffic Charges;

Over the last few months we have seen an increase in car burglaries and more than half of reported thefts occurred because vehicle doors were left unlocked.

The D'Iberville Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division (CID) continues to track down several leads in the numerous vehicles burglaries reported recently. Investigators have developed suspects and warrants have been issued.

CID continues to see an influx in financial crimes including numerous forgery/credit card fraud cases.

Total number of assignments for Investigators for the first three weeks of January is 31.

The D'Iberville Police department will be running radar at the following locations during the week of 01/29/09 to 02/04/09

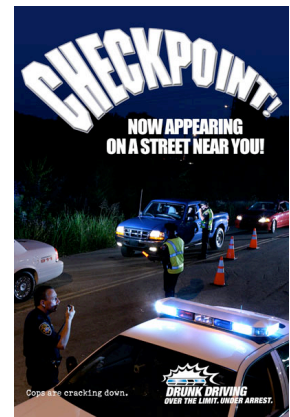
All School Zone- (Morning and Evening)

Meadow Drive
Merigold Drive
Popps Ferry Road
Mallet Road
Highland Avenue

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Drunk Driving Prevention

- Following these easy steps, a driver can enjoy a safe and festive holiday without jeopardizing their life and the lives of the others who may be on the road.
 - Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin;
 - Before drinking, please designate a sober driver and give that person your keys;
 - If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation so you are sure to get home safely;
 - If you happen to see a drunk driver on the road, don't hesitate to contact your local law enforcement;
 - And remember, if you know someone who is about to drive while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to where they are going safely.

FROM YOUR D'IBERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Thank you!
Chief Payne