



# City of D'BERVILLE Police Department

## Weekly Report

Date: 04/09/2009

Submitted by: Chief Wayne Payne

Over the past week we have responded to a total of 1004 calls for service. The following are a few of the high lights of the week:

Offense	Number of Offense
Extra Patrol	6
Accidents	25
Assault	3
Burglary	5
Vehicle Burglary	1
Alarm	23
Checking Area	697
Vehicle Contact	67
Drug Violation	2
DUI	5
Drunk	3
Suspicious Person Vehicle	21
Shoplifting	5
Theft	6
Animal Problems	12
Slim Jim	12
Domestic	5
Rape	0
Armed Robbery	0
Cutting	0
Bank Robbery	0
Strong Armed Robbery	0
Arson	0
<b>Total Calls for Service</b>	<b>893</b>

**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,*





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*watches, laptops, etc at home. Keep any necessary valuables like keys, 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 April 2, 2009 to April 9,2009;

In the past week the following individuals were arrested for shoplifting. Arrested on 04/04/09, Ashley R Smith of Moss Point 1<sup>st</sup> offense, stole an items worth \$44.72; Arrested on 04/04/09, 17 year old juvenile & 16 year old Juvenile both of Ocean Spring, Ms. 1<sup>st</sup> offense, stole an items worth \$18.48; Arrested on 04/04/09, 17 year old juvenile of Biloxi 1st offense, stole an items worth \$60.00; Arrested on 04/06/09, 15 year old juvenile of Huston, Tx. 1<sup>st</sup> offense, stole an items worth \$29.82; Arrested on 04/09/09, John M Conover of Gulfport, Ms. 1<sup>st</sup> offense, stole an items worth \$98.18; the following were arrested for DUI,



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Arrested on 04/05/09, Jason C Strayham of Biloxi, Ms 1<sup>st</sup> Offense DUI and other traffic Charges; Arrested on 04/05/09, Rebecca K Champion of D'Iberville, Ms 1<sup>st</sup> Offense DUI and other traffic Charges; Arrested on 04/08/09, Blake E Crowell of Biloxi, Ms 1<sup>st</sup> Offense DUI and other traffic Charges; Arrested on 04/08/09, Jamie Joseph Mallett of Ocean Springs, Ms 1<sup>st</sup> Offense DUI and other traffic Charges; Arrested on 04/09/09, Daphne S Pierce of Vancleave, Ms 1<sup>st</sup> Offense DUI and other traffic Charges;

We had a busy week, we have started the move into Our new Police department on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. We are going to have a ribbon cutting on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April. We look forward to being out of the Trailer. I want to thank all that have helped with the construction. We have been busy with arrest this week, 9 for Burglary, 6 for drug violation

### **Criminal Investigations Division**

#### **D'Iberville Police Investigations Division investigated the following cases:**

the arrest of four people, two adults and two juveniles. One of the adults and the two juveniles were charged with Burglary and one of the adults was charged with Accessory After the Fact. The adults are identified as Stannevia Pritchett, 17 years of age and Ishmael Ratcliff, 18 years of age, charged with Accessory after the fact; both of D'Iberville. Chief Payne along with other officers responded to a residential audible alarm in the Forest Cove community. On arrival, Officers found the rear door of the residence had been forced open. Inspection of the residence revealed the suspects did not make entry due to the alarm. Officers also noted surveillance cameras installed on the residence. Officers contacted the homeowner, who responded to the residence and provided access to the surveillance footage. The surveillance footage showed four males involved. After reviewing the video, a family member recognized one of the suspects and alerted police. Captain Keith Davis, Criminal Investigations Division, said "After receiving the information from the homeowner, our job was simple, all we had to do was put the puzzle together". Captain Davis further stated investigators received information the suspects were hiding at Pritchett's residence, located in D'Iberville. Davis and other officers traveled to Pritchett's residence and made contact with the owner of the residence and Pritchett. The owner subsequently gave consent to search the residence. Pursuant to the search, Investigators found clothing items the suspects wore during the burglary. Based on the evidence and statements, Investigators charged the suspects. More arrests are anticipated in this case.



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Steven Sichitano

Brandon Levine

Aaron Bryant

***Juvenile not pictured  
No picture available for Waldrop***

arrest of 20 year old Aaron Bryant, 17 year old Brandon Levine, 17 year old Steven Sichitano, 18 year old Bobby Waldrop, and a juvenile; all of St. Martin area, for commercial burglary. Chief Payne said the arrest resulted from his agency responding to a report of two business Burglaries on Central Ave. D'Iberville, MS. On Monday, April 6, 2009, D'Iberville Police Officers responded to a local D'Iberville, business regarding an alarm call. Upon arrival, Officers found the business had been burglarized. Upon further inspection, Officers learned once inside, suspects vandalized the business. Suspects also attempted to enter the business next door by kicking through the drywall. Once a hole was made, the suspects pushed over a refrigerator which triggered the business alarm. The suspects then fled the scene. While on scene, officers collected several pieces of "key" evidence in this case. A witness identified a juvenile as one of three suspects observed running from the building. Officers tracked the juvenile to 8100 Seaman Road, Ocean Springs, MS. There, Officers detained the juvenile, Aaron Bryant, Brandon Levine, Bobby Waldrop and Steven Sichitano for further questioning. According to Criminal Investigations Captain Keith Davis, during the course of the investigation, some of the above listed defendants provided details of the crime. As a result, Investigators applied for a Search Warrant for the apartment where the defendants were detained. Pursuant to the approved warrant, issued by Jackson County Justice Court, Investigators found property stolen during the burglaries. Captain Davis said Investigators also developed information regarding other criminal activity, committed by these defendants, in the Biloxi area. This information has been forwarded to the Biloxi Police Department for further investigation.

This investigation is ongoing and other arrest/charges are anticipated.



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- Criminal Investigations continue to follow up several burglary complaints (home & auto)  
**The D'Iberville Police Department seeks the assistance of the community for any information about criminal activity in the D'Iberville community. Please contact the Police Department at 228-396-4252 or Crime Stoppers. Callers can remain anonymous.**

*Captain Keith Davis*

*The D'Iberville Police department will be running radar at the following locations during the week of 04/02/09 to 04/08/09*

*All School Zone- (Morning and Evening)*

Quave Road  
Toncrey Road  
Brodie Road  
Octave Street  
D'Iberville Boulevard





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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