



City of D'BERVILLE Police Department

Weekly Report

Date: 03/19/2009

Submitted by: Chief Wayne Payne

Over the past week we have responded to a total of 1129 calls for service. The following are a few of the high lights of the week:

| Offense | Number of Offense |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Extra Patrol | 2 |
| Accidents | 19 |
| Assault | 5 |
| Burglary | 3 |
| Vehicle Burglary | 1 |
| Alarm | 19 |
| Checking Area | 734 |
| Vehicle Contact | 61 |
| Drug Violation | 2 |
| DUI | 5 |
| Drunk | 2 |
| Suspicious Person Vehicle | 16 |
| Shoplifting | 5 |
| Theft | 8 |
| Animal Problems | 4 |
| Slim Jim | 10 |
| Domestic | 8 |
| Rape | 0 |
| Armed Robbery | 0 |
| Cutting | 0 |
| Bank Robbery | 0 |
| Strong Armed Robbery | 0 |
| Arson | 0 |
| Total Calls for Service | 1119 |

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 March 12, 2009 to March 19, 2009;

In the past week the following individuals were arrested for shoplifting. Arrested on 03/12/09, Michael McKay Wilburn of Baton Rouge, La 1st offense, stole an items worth \$8.48; Arrested on 03/13/09, Zachary S Thompson of Biloxi, Ms. 1st offense, stole an items worth \$26.00; Arrested on 03/17/09, 15 year old & 17 year old juvenile of Biloxi & one of Gulfport 1st offense, stole an items worth \$35.69; the following were



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arrested for DUI, Arrested on 03/12/09, Jerry Taylor of Ocean Springs, Ms 1st Offense DUI and other traffic Charges; Arrested on 03/17/09, Melissa A Cecil of Biloxi 1st Offense DUI and other traffic Charges; Arrested on 03/18/09, Christopher F England of Biloxi 1st Offense DUI and other traffic Charges;

The Police dept. has received calls from our local citizens expressing concerns about threats of violence being perpetrated against women at Wal Mart. There have been a number of threat incidents reported across the country since yesterday that refer to a potential threat of violence involving a Wal Mart Store. The threats vary from referencing gang initiation ceremonies to the mention of shootings or other violent threats that will occur at a Wal Mart store. They have occurred in the Midwest, Southeast and Northeast. None of the threats have been acted out and we believe that they are urban myth. The origin of the threat is unknown at this time. However, the spreading of the threat is by e-mails and text messaging. We contacted Security at Wal Mart and they are aware of the e-mail and text messaging going around and have taken the necessary safety steps in house along with working with us to insure the safety of our citizens.

I thought you might find the following article from snopes.com interesting:

<http://www.snopes.com/crime/gangs/walmart.asp>

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 cases that have been assigned. Criminal Investigations Division (CID) was assigned a follow-up, involving a \$10,000 embezzlement from a local outlet store, 4 adults & 1 Juvenile were arrest.

The D'Iberville Police department will be running radar at the following locations during the week of 03/19/09 to 03/26/09

All School Zone- (Morning and Evening)

Brodie Road
Race Track Road
Byrd
Ginger
Lemoyne



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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