

#### A note from SENIOR LEAD OFFICER CHRISTOPHER BAKER

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Community Report for July 7-13, 2024, in the Basic Car 8A95 area.

# Aggravated Assault

None Reported

# **Robbery**

July 7, 2024, at approximately 0040 hours, at La Cienega and the 10 Freeway: The suspect (transient) entered the victim's vehicle and pointed a screwdriver at the victim. The victim exited the vehicle, and the suspect stole the victim's vehicle. Officers later stopped the vehicle for reckless driving and placed the suspect under arrest.

#### **Burglary - Residential**

July 12, 2024, at approximately 1300 hours, on the 10100 block of Bridlevale Dr: The suspect smashed the rear sliding door. The victim went to investigate the noise and observed the suspect fleeing the area in a BMW SUV. (**This is an Attempted Burglary**)

July 12, 2024, at approximately 2010 hours, on the 3100 block of Cavendish Dr: The suspect(s) used patio furniture to climb up to the second story window. The suspect(s) entered, ransacked, and removed jewelry and other high valued items.

July 13, 2024, at approximately 2040 hours, on the 2700 block of Motor Ave: The suspect(s) smashed the side window to the door. Once inside, the suspect(s) ransacked the home. It is unclear if any property was taken.

# **Burglary – Commercial**

None Reported

# Grand Theft Automobile

July 7, 2024, at an unknown time, on the 1200 block of Rodeo Dr: 2016 Infiniti Q50 was taken from the street.

July 8, 2024, in the afternoon, on the 2300 block of S. Corning: 2021 Sondors E-Bike was taken from a private garage

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July 8, 2024, during the nighttime hours, on the 2300 block of Chariton St: A 2006 Chevy Silverado Pick Up was stolen from the street. The vehicle was recovered by California Highway Patrol the following day.

July 11, 2024, at approximately 0240 hours, on the 8900 block of Cadillac Ave: A 2003 Honda Cyclone Motorcycle was stolen from the street.

#### **Burglary / Theft from Motor Vehicle**

None Reported

<u>Theft</u> Commercial thefts only.

#### **Additional**

Last week, I informed the community that West Los Angeles Detectives had identified the crew responsible for the bulk of burglaries in the Cheviot Hills area. For about eight consecutive days, there was no burglary activity in Cheviot Hills. However, I cautioned that despite these arrests, other criminals might still seek opportunities to commit crimes.

Unfortunately, I must now report that the Cheviot Hills community is experiencing another series of burglaries, with a similar modus operandi to the previous incidents. We suspect that the burglary crew responsible for these crimes in Cheviot Hills may also be linked to similar burglaries throughout Los Angeles.

In recent days, detectives have collected video surveillance related to this new series and are diligently working on the case. We will implement a strategy similar to our previous efforts to address this issue.

I ask the community to take the following precautions:

- Ensure all doors and windows are securely locked.
- Verify that your alarm/security system is functioning properly.
- Be vigilant and watchful of your neighbors' homes.

Lastly, In Beverlywood and the South Roberson Area there has been reports of a jewelry swap scam. Here's how it typically works:

1. **Approach**: The scammer, often posing as a friendly or well-intentioned individual, approaches the victim in a public place.

2. **Engagement**: The scammer engages the victim in conversation, often complimenting their jewelry. They might offer a "gift" or a "good luck charm" as part of their ploy.

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3. **Distraction**: Using charm and distraction, the scammer asks to see the victim's jewelry up close. They might say something like, "This piece looks beautiful! Let me show you how my piece looks on you."

4. **Swap**: The scammer then puts their own piece of jewelry on the victim, often something that looks flashy but is actually worthless. While doing this, they skillfully and subtly remove the victim's genuine jewelry, such as a watch, bracelet, or necklace.

5. **Leave**: The scammer quickly leaves the scene, sometimes making an excuse or simply walking away, leaving the victim with the fake jewelry.

The victim only later realizes that their valuable piece of jewelry is missing, and or replaced by the scammer's worthless item.

This scam relies heavily on the scammer's ability to charm and distract the victim while performing the swap. To avoid falling victim to this type of scam, it's crucial to be wary of strangers who show unusual interest in your personal belongings and to be cautious about letting unknown individuals handle your jewelry.

Additionally, below is the link to LAPD Online Reporting <u>https://www.lapdonline.org/file-a-police-report/</u>