

7260 Neighborhood Watch

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To keep Tract No. 7260 safe from crime, your Neighborhood Watch needs block captains for those streets that don't have them. The duties of a block captain are simple. The block captain maintains a list of the people on the block including their telephone numbers, and their car makes, models, and license plate numbers. The block captain passes out the Neighborhood Watch newsletter, takes reports on suspicious activities, and passes them on to the police. The police consider block captains an invaluable weapon in their war against crime.

If your block is listed below, it lacks a block captain. To make it safer, please contact Marie Epstein at (310) 284-8225 to offer your services. Here's the list: Almayo (Fox hills to Kerwood), Almayo (Kerwood to Beverly Glen), Almayo (Beverly Glen to Prosser), Benecia (Mississippi to Olympic—houses with odd numbers only), Dunkirk, Lauriston, Ilona (Fox Hills to Kerwood) Keswick (Kerwood to Beverly Glen) Keswick (Fox Hills to Kerwood) Benecia: (Olympic to Kerwood)????????

Screwdriver Weapon

On August 8, a white, blond male, about 35, armed with a screwdriver stole, \$280 in cash from the dry cleaners on the 1800 block of Westwood. The thief had a white tattoo on his right hand.

The Kelton-Pico Transient

A long time local transient who makes the Kelton-Pico area his home was walking his dog when he was approached by a white woman in a gold vehicle. The woman sprayed the transient with pepper and stole his dog. Later, the woman said she took the dog because she thought the transient was abusing the dog. A week later, the transient located the woman's husband and kicked him in retaliation for the dog theft. The transient was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon.

Lesson 1. Do not take the law into your own hands.

Lesson 2. Let the police do your dirty work.

Fingerprint Check

A computer fingerprint check on a car burglarized on the 1900 block of Selby last October has led to the arrest of a 31 year old white resident of the 2700 block of Selby. The suspect, arrested in August, told police he didn't remember the burglary, He blamed his lack of recall on the fact that he was taking drugs at the time he was alleged to have broken into the car.

Yellow Bug Thieves

At 11:15 p.m. on August 19, a man, walking his dog, saw three or four male Hispanics in a yellow VW following him The man quickly went home. When he looked out of his window, he saw two of the men who had been following him holding a gun to a woman entering a condo building. The men took her purse with contents valued at \$520. They then fled in the yellow Bug. Detectives have a lead on the men and may be able to identify the VW's owner.

Westside Pavilion Robbery

In late August, a women was leaving the Westside Pavilion, when she was stopped by a black male, between 18 and 19 years of age and wearing black clothes. He demanded the woman's purse. When she resisted, he said, "You know what lady...you're dead!" He punched her in the face and left without the purse. He fled in a car that had been carjacked earlier in the day.

Lesson: Given a choice between your life and your money, give up the money. Then call the police.

Apartment Building Mugging

Also in late August, two black males, one with a pony tail, attacked an apartment building resident in the building's lobby. They knocked the man unconscious and fled with his wallet containing \$200. The victim was treated at the scene by L. A. Fire Department Paramedics.

Traffic

Santa Monica Blvd. between Federal and Century Park East currently has the highest accident rate in West Los Angles....Traffic enforcement, including radar checks, has reduced speed and accidents on Olympic between the 405 and La Cienega.

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