

Palos Verdes Estates Police Department

WEEKLY CRIME REPORT

October 17 – October 23, 2022

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10-16-22 Arrest / Accident / DUI Granvia Altamira & Via Fernandez

At approximately 2:30 AM, officers observed a vehicle in the front yard of the 1100 Block of Granvia Altamira with significant front-end damage that appeared to have just occurred. The investigation led to the arrest of the male driver for DUI.

10-17-22 Arrest / Accident / DUI 3400 Block, Palos Verdes Drive North

At approximately 8 AM, an officer was dispatched in reference to a traffic collision with unknown injuries. The investigation led to the arrest of the male driver for DUI.

10-17-22 Arrest / DUI Calle Mayor & Via Mesa Grande, Torrance

At approximately 8:51 PM, an officer initiated a traffic stop of a speeding vehicle. The investigation led to the arrest of the male driver for DUI.

10-20-22 Mail Theft 800 Block, Via Somonte

At approximately 8 AM, the victim checked his mailbox and noticed both his and his neighbor's mailbox were open and empty. Surveillance video showed an unknown male suspect drove up to the victim's mailbox and opened it. Suspect took an unknown amount of mail and fled the area by traveling eastbound on Via Somonte.

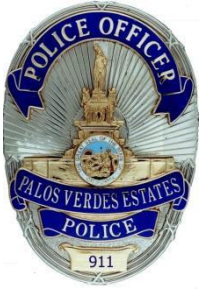
10-20-22 Arrest / Gun Violation 800 Block, Paseo Del Mar

At approximately 8:27 AM, an officer observed an illegally parked vehicle with the driver's door ajar and the driver appearing to be passed out / sleeping. There were two passengers—one in the back seat. The investigation led to the arrest of the driver and two passengers for possession of un-serialized firearms / ghost guns.

10-22-22 Prowler 800 Block, Gatos Place

On Saturday, at approximately 9:45 AM, officers were detailed in reference to a prowler. The victim reported that at approximately 6:40 AM, she received an alert notification on her phone via home security, due to motion at the front of her residence. Upon reviewing surveillance footage, the victim noticed at approximately 3:12 AM, two unknown men looked inside her residence. She then called police to report the incident. The investigation led to surveillance video showing two male suspects who approached the front door of the residence on foot. Suspects looked through the glass section of the front door and attempted to open it by maneuvering the handle. Both suspects fled the property in an unknown direction by unknown means. It should be noted that two neighbors reported similar incidents involving two males matching the description and looking into the doors / windows of the residences at approximately the same time.

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10-22-22 Burglary Report 800 Block, Gatos Place

On Saturday, at approximately 9:45 AM, officers were detailed in reference to an attempted burglary. The victim reported that at approximately 6:54 AM, she received a text from her nextdoor neighbor who told her that at approximately 3:12 AM, surveillance footage showed two unknown males looking inside her residence and crossing over to the victim's residence. Upon reviewing surveillance footage, the victim noticed at approximately 3:18 AM, two male suspects climbed over the fence between the homes. One suspect walked to the front door and attempted to open it by maneuvering the handle. Both suspects used the outdoor stairway to walk up to the second story of the residence and attempted to open several exterior doors on the second floor—they were unsuccessful. The second suspect then entered the residence through the unlocked back door, while the homeowner and children were sleeping inside. Both suspects then exited the same back door. At approximately 3:36 AM, the suspects climbed back over the fence and fled in an unknown direction by unknown means. It should be noted that two neighbors reported similar incidents involving two males matching the description and looking into the doors / windows of the residences at approximately the same time.

10-22-22 Prowler 800 Block, Gatos Place

On Saturday, 10/22/22, at approximately 8 PM, the victim received a text message from her neighbor, who told her that at approximately 3:12 AM, surveillance footage showed two unknown males looking inside her residence. The neighbor advised the victim to check her own surveillance footage. The victim noticed an unknown suspect walking along the exterior of her property, on the north side. She then called police to report the incident, who determined one suspect walked along the balcony to the rear of the residence and looked into the windows. The suspects then fled the property in an unknown direction by unknown means. It should be noted that two neighbors reported a burglary and a similar incident, both of which involved the suspects looking into the doors / windows of the residences at approximately the same time.

10-23-22 Vandalism 300 Block, Paseo Del Mar

At approximately 1:30 PM, an officer was dispatched in reference to a vandalism report. Sometime between October 22 at 11:30 PM and October 23 at 1:30 PM, unknown suspect(s) threw a small rock through an office window and fled the scene in an unknown direction by unknown means.

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