

Palos Verdes Estates Police Department

WEEKLY CRIME REPORT

December 12 – December 18, 2022

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12-12-22 Vandalism 4000 Block, Palos Verdes Drive North / Christian Science Church

At approximately 10:45 AM, officers were dispatched in reference to a vandalism report. Sometime between 12/11/22 early afternoon and 12/12/22 around 9:30 AM, the victim discovered the college classroom and Sunday school classroom had been ransacked. Unknown suspect(s) forced entry into the structure by smashing the window pane out of the door. Once inside, suspect(s) vandalized the interior and fled the location undetected.

12-12-22 Arrest – Drugs Palos Verdes Drive West & Via Anacapa

At approximately 11:57 PM, an officer conducted a traffic stop of a male driver and a female passenger. The investigation led to the arrest of the male driver for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

12-13-22 Warrant Arrest Silver Spur Road & Palos Verdes Drive North

At approximately 2:29 PM, officers conducted a traffic stop. The investigation led to an arrest of the male driver for an outstanding misdemeanor arrest warrant and an expired CA driver's license.

12-13-22 Catalytic Converter Theft Report 1400 Block, Via Gabriel

Sometime between 12/7/22 at 8:30 PM and 12/12/22 at 11:00 AM, unknown suspect(s) cut and removed the catalytic converter (grand theft) from the victim's vehicle, and fled the area undetected. The victim realized something was wrong when he started his vehicle and his engine sounded significantly louder than it normally did.

12-13-22 Burglary Report 900 Block, Via Rincon

Sometime between 4:45 PM and 7:36 PM, unknown suspect(s) used an unknown tool to smash the rear sliding glass window to gain entry into the victim's locked home, entered the victim's home and removed unknown items. Suspect(s) then fled the location with victim's property undetected.

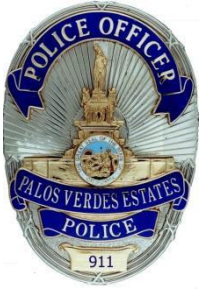
12-15-22 Arrest / Impaired Driver 2100 Block, Palos Verdes Drive West

At approximately 4:24 AM, an officer conducted a traffic stop. The investigation led to the arrest of the male driver for DUI.

12-15-22 Identity Theft 1100 Boock, Via Goleta

On 12/9/22, victim Googled Paypal and contacted that number regarding fraudulent charges to his account. The representative on the phone advised the victim to download the "Any Desk App" to prevent further charges to his account. Sometime between 12/9/22 and 12/10/22, unknown suspect(s) completed numerous electronic bank transactions through Zelle and CashApp, totaling approximately \$2,395 from victim's checking account.

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12-15-22 Pursuit / DUI Blackhorse Road & Silver Arrow Drive, RPV

At approximately 10:23 PM, an officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop of a vehicle that proceeded through a red light at approximately 50 mph, but the driver continued to accelerate and intentionally attempted to evade the marked police vehicle with lights and siren. The fleeing vehicle with driver and three passengers collided with the east curb line and came to a stop. The investigation led to the arrest of the driver for evading a police officer, DUI and unsafe speed for conditions.

12-17-22 Arrest / Impaired Driver 2200 Block, Paseo Del Mar

At approximately 2:15 AM, an officer contacted a driver slumped over the steering wheel of his vehicle. The investigation led to the arrest of the male driver for DUI.

12-17-22 Catalytic Converter Theft Report 600 Block, Via Estrada

Sometime between 12/16/22 at 12:30 PM and 12/17/22 at 9:30 AM, unknown suspect(s) cut and removed the catalytic converter (grand theft) from the victim's vehicle, and fled the area undetected. The victim realized something was wrong when he started his vehicle and heard a loud noise coming from the engine.

12-18-22 Arrest / Trespass 300 Block, Paseo Del Mar

At approximately 4:22 AM, an officer contacted two male subjects at the landslide area. One subject was issued a misdemeanor citation for unauthorized entry into an emergency area. The other subject was placed under arrest for providing a false name to a Police officer. He had an outstanding warrant for his arrest and was cited for it.

12-18-22 Burglary Report 1400 Block, Via Castilla

Sometime between 3 PM and 6 PM, unknown suspect(s) gained entry to the residence by the living room French doors at the rear of the residence. The entryway closet, master bedroom and closet and the son's bedroom were ransacked. The suspect(s) removed items from inside the residence and fled the area undetected by unknown means.

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