

# Palos Verdes Estates Police Department

## WEEKLY CRIME REPORT

### December 19 – December 25, 2022

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**12-19-22**                      **Arrest - Drunk in Public**                      **1300 Block, Paseo Del Mar / Turnout**

At approximately 1:02 AM, an officer made contact with a person in the driver's seat and a male passenger—in a vehicle parked illegally. The investigation led to the arrest of the male driver for being drunk in public.

**12-19-22**                      **Arrest – Drugs**                      **1000 Block, Palos Verdes Drive West**

At approximately 2:43 PM, an officer conducted a traffic stop. The investigation led to the arrest of the male driver for possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and an outstanding \$20K warrant for his arrest.

**12-21-22**                      **Arrest - Impaired Driver**                      **1300 Block, Palos Verdes Drive West**

At approximately 1:02 AM, an officer conducted a traffic stop. The investigation led to the arrest of the female driver for DUI.

**12-22-22**                      **Arrest - Parole Violations**                      **2900 Block, Via Anacapa**

At approximately 2:33 PM, an officer conducted a traffic stop of a male driver and a front female passenger. The investigation led to the arrest of the driver for an outstanding parole violation of assault with a deadly weapon.

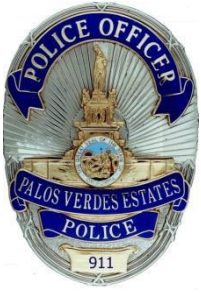
**12-22-22**                      **Burglary Report**                      **900 Block, Paseo La Cresta**

Sometime between 12/13/22 at 9 AM and 12/20/22 at 11 AM, unknown suspect(s) used an unknown tool to smash the master bedroom sliding glass window to gain entry into victim's locked home. Suspect(s) entered victim's home, ransacked the master bedroom, closet and bathroom—removed unknown items, then fled the location with victim's property undetected.

**12-22-22**                      **Identity Theft**                      **4000 Boock, Via Cardelina**

On 12/21/22 at approximately 7:23 PM, victim received a text notification from Verizon saying his cell phone line was being transferred to a new sim card and device, so he contacted Verizon and was told that a subject walked into a Verizon store and used his Verizon account to purchase two phones. Victim was able to go to a local Verizon store to transfer service back to his cell phone. Separately, someone also used the victim's information to apply for a Best Buy credit card in the same area as that Verizon store.

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**\*THE FOLLOWING INCIDENT IS A COMMON SCAM.  
PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THESE TYPES OF SCAMS.**

**12-22-22                      Fraud Report / Wire Scam**

On 12/12/22, the victim's desktop computer was locked and hacked—part of an elaborate scheme. A message from Microsoft Window's Support popped up on his screen and advised him to call 844-969-4406 for assistance. When victim called that number, the representative sent him to another Microsoft rep (with a 304 US area code) who helped the victim get back into his locked computer by using a computer remote access program called Ultra Viewer—which allowed that rep to access the victim's desktop. The rep then advised the victim of seven unauthorized connections on the computer—connected to his Credit Union account, and he said there was an attempt to steal \$95,108 from the victim's account.

The victim was then transferred to another subject he believed was from his Credit Union's fraud Prevention Team, who told the victim he'd have to investigate the fraudulent activity and that his money could be at risk. The subject then suggested the victim move his money into a "safe custody account" to prevent any loss—and provided the victim with a routing number.

The victim drove to his credit union in an attempt to wire the \$95,108 to a safe custody account; however, the transfer was unsuccessful. On 12/15/22, the "representative" called the victim and asked him to go to the credit union and transfer \$49,500 into the safe custody account—telling him that a lower amount might work successfully. This attempt was unsuccessful because he provided the wrong account number for the wire. The "representative" called the victim a third time and asked him to go back to the credit union to attempt the \$46,500 wire again. This time, the victim completed the wire transfer to Evolve Bank and Trust in New York.

The following day, the "representative" called the victim a fourth time asking him to go back to the credit union to wire an addition \$45,600. The "representative" asked the victim to call him before the victim went to the bank and after he left the bank—on each occasion. The "representative" asked the victim not to tell the credit union that he was doing a fraud investigation, rather a wire transfer for investments approved by his financial advisor. The victim drove back to the local credit union, but the credit union's Risk Management Team rejected the transaction and informed the victim that they did not have an employee by that name—and informed the victim it appeared that he was being scammed.

The "representative" then sent a text message to the victim wanting an update and asked why the wire transfer was blocked. The victim stated he was waiting for the bank to call him back. The "representative" suspected that the victim now knew he was being scammed and that's the last time they communicated.

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