



MONROVIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT



Highlighted Activity for May 3-9, 2018

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 448 service events, resulting in 96 investigations. To see a complete listing of crimes reported, go to <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/monrovia> for crime mapping. For Police Department news and information, visit our website and follow us on Twitter, Instagram or Nextdoor.

Warrant – Suspect Arrested

May 3 at 9:26 a.m., an officer was patrolling the 1600 block of S. Myrtle when he saw a male subject bathing in the decorative fountain at Station Square Park. The officer contacted the subject, and a computer check revealed he was wanted by the State of Nebraska for crimes committed there. The officer arrested and took custody of the subject, who will be transported back to Nebraska by authorities from that State.

Grand Theft

May 3 at 2:33 p.m., a resident in the 600 block of E. Olive walked outside her home and discovered someone had stolen the catalytic converter from her vehicle, which had been parked in front of her house. She believes it was stolen sometime during the night. This investigation is continuing.

Grand Theft

May 3 at 5:01 p.m., a resident in the 1500 block of S. Fifth reported that someone had stolen the catalytic converter from his vehicle sometime during the night. This investigation is continuing.

Warrant – Suspect Arrested

May 3 at 6:46 p.m., the Special Enforcement Team saw a male subject in the 400 block Hurstview whom they recognized from previous contacts. A computer check revealed the subject had a warrant for his arrest. He was arrested and taken into custody. In the jail, he admitted to being involved in a local gang and was responsible for several vandalisms around the city.

DUI – Suspects Arrested

May 3 at 11:16 p.m., officers stopped a motorist in the 800 block of E. Huntington after he was reported to be possibly driving under the influence. Officers contacted the driver and found him to be intoxicated. After field sobriety tests were conducted, the driver was arrested for DUI.

Domestic Violence – Suspect Arrested

May 4 at 12:44 a.m., a female resident in the 700 block of W. Foothill reported her husband had just hit her after an argument. Officers arrived, and after an investigation, they arrested and took the male subject into custody for domestic violence.

Injury Traffic Collision

May 4 at 8:12 a.m., a motorist inadvertently turned his vehicle abruptly at the intersection of California and Huntington, causing the vehicle to overturn. Officers arrived and found the driver had sustained injuries requiring medical attention. The driver was transported to a nearby hospital.

Drunk in Public – Suspect Arrested

May 4 at 8:31 a.m., several callers reported a male subject lying on the ground in the 300 block of W. Duarte. Officers arrived to offer assistance. They found the subject was too intoxicated to care for his own safety. He was arrested and taken into custody.

Warrant – Suspect Arrested

May 4 at 10:20 a.m., callers reported a male subject behaving suspiciously in the 600 block of E. Olive. Officers arrived and contacted the subject. A computer check revealed he had two warrants for his arrest. He was arrested and taken into custody.

Injury Traffic Collision

May 4 at 12:32 p.m., two vehicles collided into one another in the 1800 block of S. Myrtle. Officers arrived to investigate the cause of the collision. Occupants in the vehicles complained of pain, but did not have visible injuries.

Injury Traffic Collision

May 4 at 4:39 p.m., callers reported two vehicles had collided into one another in the 800 block of W. Foothill. Officers arrived to investigate the collision. Occupants in the vehicles complained of pain, but did not have visible injuries.

DUI Traffic Collision – Suspect Arrest

May 4 at 10:03 p.m., callers reported a motorist had just collided into a parked car in the 400 block of Wildrose. Officers arrived and contacted the driver. He was found to be intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and the subject was arrested for DUI.

Attempt Grand Theft / Parole Violation – Suspect Arrested

May 5 at 7:12 a.m., callers reported seeing a male subject attempting to pry off the lock of a Lime Bike in the 300 block of W. Huntington. Officers arrived and located the subject, and after he was identified by witnesses, he was arrested. A computer check revealed he was also on active parole.

Possession of Stolen Property – Suspect Arrested

May 5 at 7:50 a.m., an employee of a restaurant in the 600 block of W. Huntington reported a male subject inside their business was causing a disturbance. Officers arrived and contacted the subject. The subject was found to be in possession of property and identification belonging to someone else. The owner was contacted and informed officers that their property had been stolen from their car the previous night. The subject was arrested.

Drunk in Public – Suspect Arrested

May 5 at 10:36 a.m., a caller reported a male subject lying on the ground in the 100 block of W. Duarte. Officers arrived and found the subject to be intoxicated. He was too drunk to care for his own safety. He was arrested and taken into custody.

Shoplifting – Suspect Arrested

May 5 at 6:27 p.m., the employee of a store in the 1600 block of S. Mountain reported a male subject had just entered their store, removed merchandise and concealed it in his clothing before leaving the store. Officers arrived and apprehended the suspect. The stolen property was returned to the store and the suspect was arrested and taken into custody.

Drunk in Public – Suspects Arrested

May 6 between 1:41 and 2:06 a.m., officers detained two subjects in the 100 block of W. Lime and the 1500 block of S. Myrtle for appearing intoxicated. Both subjects were found to be too drunk to care for their own safety. They were both arrested and taken into custody.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon

May 6 at 1:58 a.m., the owner of a business in the 800 block of S. Myrtle was at work when he saw two subjects at a neighboring business removing parts from a parked car. One of the two subjects pointed a gun at the business owner. Officers arrived, but the subjects were gone. A search was conducted for the suspects, but they were not located. This investigation is continuing.

Drunk in Public – Suspect Arrested

May 6 at 9:12 a.m., a caller reported a male subject stumbling in the 100 block of W. Duarte who may need assistance. Officers arrived and contacted the subject. He was found to be too drunk to care for his own safety, so he was arrested and taken into custody.

Shoplifting

May 6 at 10:40 a.m., an employee at a store in the 500 block of W. Duarte detained a female subject and her child outside the store for shoplifting. Officers arrived to investigate and found the mother had told her child to take toys before leaving the store without paying. The Department of Child and Family Services was notified and charges will be filed against the mother.

Grand Theft – Suspect Arrested

May 6 at 2:37 p.m., an employee of a store in the 1600 block of S. Mountain reported that they had detained a male subject for leaving the store with power tools that he did not pay for. Officers arrived, and after an investigation, arrested and took the subject into custody.

Possession of Narcotics – Suspect Cited

May 6 at 10:17 p.m., a caller reported a male subject behaving suspiciously in the 900 block of W. Huntington. Officers arrived and contacted the subject, who was found to be in possession of illegal narcotics. The subject was issued a citation to appear in court on the charges.

Possession of Narcotics – Suspect Cited

May 6 at 11:05 p.m., a sergeant was patrolling the 1500 block of S. California when he saw a male subject riding a bicycle at night without lighting equipment. The subject was stopped and found to be in possession of illegal narcotics. The subject was issued a citation to appear in court on the charges.

Vandalism

May 7 at 6:47 a.m., an employee at a school in the 200 block of N. Mayflower found someone had broken one of the school's cafeteria windows sometime over the weekend. Officers were called to investigate, and they found that no one had entered the building. This investigation is continuing.

Injury Traffic Collision

May 7 at 4:08 p.m., callers reported a vehicle had just ran a red light, causing a collision with a bicyclist. Officers responded along with paramedics and provided medical attention to the bicyclist, who was then transported to a nearby hospital. The party at fault was issued a citation for the violation.

Injury Traffic Collision

May 8 at 3:24 p.m., callers reported a vehicle failed to stop for a red light and caused a collision with another vehicle in the 200 block of W. Duarte. Officers arrived to investigate. Both drivers complained of pain, but did not have visible injuries. The party at fault was issued a citation for the violation.

Residential Burglary

May 8 at 4:55 p.m., a resident in the 1200 block of S. Alta Vista walked into her garage to get her purse, which she had left inside the garage with the garage door open. She discovered someone had entered the garage and taken her purse. This investigation is continuing.

Residential Burglary

May 8 at 9:15 p.m., a resident in the 500 block of Hacienda returned home and discovered someone had entered an unlocked door to the house and stole a shotgun. This investigation is continuing.

Drunk in Public – Suspect Arrested

May 9 at 1:16 a.m., an officer was patrolling the 1800 block of S. California when he saw a male subject stumbling. He contacted the subject to see if he needed help and found him to be heavily intoxicated. Sobriety tests were conducted and the officer determined the subject was too drunk to care for his own safety. He was arrested and taken into custody.

DUI – Suspect Arrested

May 9 at 2:19 a.m., an officer was patrolling the 2600 block of S. Peck when he saw a motorist commit a driving violation. The officer stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver, who was found to be intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and the driver was taken into custody for DUI.

Commercial Burglary

May 9 at 3:16 a.m., officers responded to a burglary alarm at a business in the 500 block of S. Myrtle. When they arrived, they found the front glass window to the business had been shattered and the inside of the building appeared ransacked. The owners of the business arrived and told officers that a large quantity of eyeglasses had been stolen. This investigation is continuing.

Vandalism

May 9 at 3:56 a.m., a resident in the 800 block of W. Foothill was awakened by the sound of glass breaking. He went outside his home and discovered someone had shattered his car window, but nothing appeared to be missing from inside. This investigation is continuing.

Warrant – Suspect Arrested

May 9 at 8:21 a.m., a caller reported a male subject in the 900 block of W. Duarte causing a disturbance. Officers arrived and contacted the subject. A computer check revealed he had a warrant for his arrest, so he was taken into custody.

Shoplifting / Identity Theft – Suspect Arrested

May 9 at 3:17 p.m., an employee at a store in the 1600 block of S. Mountain saw a male subject enter the store, remove an air conditioner from a shelf, then leave the store without paying. The subject then walked back into the store through another door and attempted to return the stolen merchandise for cash, using someone else's identification. The employee detained the subject and called the police. Officers arrived and investigated the incident. The subject was arrested and taken into custody.

Tax Season Safety Tips

It's tax season in Monrovia, which means that some of us may be receiving telephone calls from criminals who want to take your tax refund from you. There are certain tips you can follow to protect yourself from becoming the victim of fraud:

The IRS will always send taxpayers a written notification of any tax due via the U.S. mail. The IRS never asks for credit card, debit card or prepaid card information over the telephone. For more information or to report a scam, go to www.irs.gov and type "scam" in the search box.

People have reported a particularly aggressive phone scam where Immigrants are frequently targeted. Potential victims are threatened with deportation, arrest, having their utilities shut off, or having their driver's licenses revoked. Callers are frequently insulting or hostile - apparently to scare their potential victims.

Potential victims may be told they are entitled to big refunds, or that they owe money that must be paid immediately to the IRS. When unsuccessful the first time, sometimes phone scammers call back trying a new strategy.

Other characteristics of this scam include:

- Scammers use fake names and IRS badge numbers. They generally use common names and surnames to identify themselves.

- Scammers may be able to recite the last four digits of a victim's Social Security number.
- Scammers spoof the IRS toll-free number on caller ID to make it appear that it's the IRS calling.
- Scammers sometimes send bogus IRS emails to some victims to support their bogus calls.
- Victims hear background noise of other calls being conducted to mimic a call site.
- After threatening victims with jail time or driver's license revocation, scammers hang up and others soon call back pretending to be from the local police or DMV, and the caller ID supports their claim.

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS, here's what you should do:

- If you know you owe taxes or you think you might owe taxes, call the IRS at 1.800.829.1040. The IRS employees at that line can help you with a payment issue, if there really is such an issue.
- If you know you don't owe taxes or have no reason to think that you owe any taxes (for example, you've never received a bill or the caller made some bogus threats as described above), then call and report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1.800.366.4484.
- You can file a complaint using the FTC Complaint Assistant; choose "Other" and then "Imposter Scams." If the complaint involves someone impersonating the IRS, include the words "IRS Telephone Scam" in the notes.

Taxpayers should be aware that there are other unrelated scams (such as a lottery sweepstakes) and solicitations (such as debt relief) that fraudulently claim to be from the IRS.

The IRS encourages taxpayers to be vigilant against phone and email scams that use the IRS as a lure. The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email to request personal or financial information. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as text messages and social media channels. The IRS also does not ask for PINs, passwords or similar confidential access information for credit card, bank or other financial accounts. Recipients should not open any attachments or click on any links contained in the message. Instead, forward the e-mail to phishing@irs.gov. More information on how to report phishing scams involving the IRS is available on the genuine IRS website, IRS.gov.

For more information about fraud prevention, you may contact Sergeant Daniel Verna or Officer Javier Leon in the Community Activist Policing Office at 626-256-8020 or dverna@monrovia.laclen.org

Monrovia's Stop Graffiti Bounty \$100 CASH!!!

One of the ways the City of Monrovia is combatting graffiti is through the Stop Graffiti Bounty. If someone reports an incident of graffiti in Monrovia that leads to the arrest of the suspect, the caller will receive \$100. Call the police if you see criminal activity, help keep Monrovia looking great!!!



STOP GRAFFITI PROGRAM

- STEP 1 - See a criminal graffitiing and destroying property
- STEP 2 - Call cell-watch at 626-357-CELL
- STEP 3 - Suspect arrested and property protected



CALLER RECEIVES \$100 BILL FOR HELPING KEEP OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN AND SAFE!

Contact Phone Numbers

- For Emergencies Dial from your house or cellphone 911
- Police Department Business Line(626) 256-8000
- Community Policing Officer(626) 256-8036
- Watch Commander(626) 256-8030
- Cell Watch Police Dispatch Line (626) 357-CELL (2355)
- Graffiti Removal Service..... (855) 557-1007
- Shopping Cart Removal Service(800) 252-4613

The Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA provides animal control services for the City of Monrovia.

- For EMERGENCY animal control issues call:
- Monrovia Police Department.....(626) 256-8000
- For Non-Emergency animal control issues call:
- Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA dispatch (626) 792-7151, Ext. 108
- For Dog License, Spay & Neuter Services call:
- Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA.....(626) 792-7151
- Los Angeles Regional Crime Stoppers..... (800) 222-TIPS (8477)

