



MONROVIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT



Highlighted Activity for May 21-27, 2020

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 315 service events, resulting in 54 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, Facebook, Instagram or Nextdoor.

Grand Theft Auto

May 21 at 7:08 a.m., a resident in the 300 block of E. Walnut called to report his 2007, Chevrolet work truck was parked on the street and had been stolen sometime overnight. The vehicle was entered into Stolen Vehicle System. Investigation continuing.

Indecent Exposure

May 22 at 9:04 a.m., a Monrovia resident called police to report an incident of indecent exposure. She was on a walk in the 400 block of W. Duarte, near Magnolia, when a male subject yelled to get her attention and then exposed himself. The woman ran home and called the police. Officers searched the area for the suspect, but were unable to locate him. The suspect is described as a male Hispanic in his 30's, 5'5", thin build, with a shaved head and large tattoo on his arm. This investigation is continuing.

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Suspect Arrested

May 22 at 9:11 a.m., an officer was patrolling the 800 block of S. California when he saw a subject he recognized. The subject was consensually contacted and found to be in possession of a pipe that had been used for smoking methamphetamine. The subject was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Residential Burglary

May 22 at 9:51 a.m., the owner of a residence in the 200 block of S. Primrose arrived home and discovered his residence had been burglarized while he was gone. He then called police. Officers arrived and located the point of entry into the home. It is unknown if anything was taken. This investigation is continuing.

Trespassing – Six Suspects Arrested

May 22 at 10:09 a.m., an officer was patrolling the 400 block of W. Duarte when he saw several subjects in the city owned wash underneath the Metro Rail Bridge. All of the subjects had previously been warned and arrested for trespassing. The officer contacted the six subjects and all were arrested for trespassing.

Vandalism

May 23 at 3:56 p.m., a resident in the 600 block of W. Olive called police to report a tire on his vehicle had just been slashed by a male Asian suspect, 30-40 years old, wearing black pants, a black hooded sweatshirt, and a black mask. A similar report was made by another resident in the area. Investigation continuing.

Hit & Run Traffic Collision

May 23 at 7:09 p.m., a bicyclist was traveling north on Myrtle, crossing the street at Walnut, when a vehicle failed to stop at the stop sign at Walnut and struck the bicyclist. The driver gave the bicyclist a thumbs up sign and continued driving. The bicyclist sustained minor injuries. Investigation continuing.

Shots Fired

May 24 at 2:11 a.m., police dispatch received calls regarding shots fired and people seen running in the 800 block S. Mayflower. As officers arrived on scene, two subjects were seen running into a house in the 900 block of S. Mayflower. Officers made contact with the subjects inside the house, and the interior of the residence was checked for anyone needing medical assistance, but everyone checked out fine. Officers canvassed the area and located 16 spent casings throughout the 400 block of W. Chestnut. No injured subjects or suspects were located. The investigation is continuing.

Gas Leak

May 24 at 7:13 a.m., officers responded to a business in the 400 block of S. Myrtle regarding an alarm activation. When Officers arrived, they could smell natural gas emitting from the location. The Monrovia Fire Department was notified. The area was evacuated and the Gas Company responded. The gas supply to the business was shut off and the source of the leak was being investigated by the Gas Company. No injuries reported.

Grand Theft

May 24 at 1:35 p.m., a resident in the 400 block of E. Foothill called to report someone had stolen the catalytic converter from his Honda Element sometime during the night. Investigation continuing.

Attempt Grand Theft Auto

May 25 at 9:26 a.m., a resident in the 100 block of W. Cypress called to report that sometime during the night someone tried to steal her vehicle. She noticed her ignition had been tampered with. Investigation continuing.

Injury Traffic Collision

May 25 at 2:05 p.m., two motorists were traveling toward each other in the 600 block of Norumbega. They were at a blind curve when they collided into one another and their airbags deployed. One driver sustained an injury to the arm from the airbag and the other driver complained of pain to the head and neck. The drivers were treated at the scene by Monrovia Paramedics.

Residential Burglary

May 26 at 3:00 p.m., a resident in the 200 block of W. Colorado called police to report her residence had been burglarized. She locked and left her residence at 11:30 a.m. to go shopping. When she returned, she discovered her garage door had been forced open. A check of the residence revealed the only loss was 40 rolls of toilet paper. Investigation continuing.

Violation of a Court Order

May 26 at 3:35 p.m., a resident in the 300 block of Oakcliff called police to report a family member had come to the location that was not allowed per a valid restraining order. The subject said he disobeyed the order, but indicated he went to the location to retrieve his vehicle. The subject was advised regarding the court order, and a verified complaint will be completed and forwarded to the District Attorney's Office.

Mail Theft

May 26 at 10:58 p.m., a resident in the 1800 block of S. Encino called police to report two suspects driving a U-Haul that were taking mail from mailboxes. Officers arrived and located the vehicle still in the area. When the suspects saw the officer, they took off at a high rate of speed. The vehicle abruptly stopped on First, north of Fano in Arcadia, where the suspects fled on foot.

Arcadia Police Department and the Foothill Air Support Team helicopter responded to assist with containment and a search of the area, but the suspects were not found. The U-Haul van was found to be an unreported stolen from Chatsworth U-Haul. There were several pieces of stolen mail from Arcadia and Monrovia in the vehicle. One of the suspects left their personal identification in the vehicle. Investigation continuing.

Grand Theft Auto

May 27 at 11:33 a.m., a resident in the 900 block of W. Hillcrest called police to report that someone had stolen her Honda CRV sometime during the night. The investigation is continuing.

Grand Theft Auto

May 27 at 12:43 p.m., a vehicle was reported stolen from a business parking lot in the 1600 block of S. Mountain. The victim parked his vehicle in the parking lot and went inside the business. When he returned, his Ford F250 was gone. Officers searched the area and located the vehicle to the rear of a business in Duarte. The vehicle was missing the catalytic converter and a toolbox from the bed of the truck. Investigation continuing.

Grand Theft

May 27 at 1:51 p.m., an employee from a business in the 600 block of W. Huntington called police to report four male suspects entered the business and grabbed various phones and watches, and then left without paying for the merchandise. Officers responded, but the suspects were not located. The investigation is continuing.

May is National Bicycle Safety Month

The Monrovia Police Department is participating in National Bicycle Safety Month by giving away **FREE child bicycle helmets to Monrovia residents**. We have small, medium and large helmets for children in red, white and blue, as well as black. The helmets were donated by the Duarte & Monrovia Elks Lodge, whose goal, like that of MPD, is to protect children. If you would like a free helmet for your child, come to the Monrovia Police Department and contact Motorcycle Officer James Ruano or Traffic Lieutenant Daniel Verna on any Thursday, Friday or Saturday, during the day. Remember to wear a protective mask when coming to the police station to prevent the spread of Covid-19.



Safety Tips for Bicyclists from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:

- Always wear a properly-fitted helmet that meets the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) standards.
- Check your bike equipment before heading out: check for proper fit and function, including tires, brakes, handlebars and seats.
- Ride in the same direction as traffic, as a vehicle on the road.
- Obey traffic signs, signals, and lane markings; signal all turns; and follow local laws.
- Be predictable; ride in a straight line and use hand signals when changing lanes or turning.
- Stay focused; look ahead for traffic and obstacles in your path.
- Be visible: wear bright colors, reflective materials and lights on your bicycle at night and in low light conditions.
- Stay alert: don't use electronic devices.
- Ride safe; riding impaired by alcohol or drugs affects your judgment and skill; it affects your safety and others on the road

Safety Tips for Motorists from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:

- Pass bicyclists on the road with care; allow at least three feet clearance.
- Look for cyclists before opening a car door or pulling out from a parking space.
- Yield to bicyclists at intersections and as directed by signs and signals.
- Look for bicyclists before making turns, either left or right.
- Respect designated bicycle lanes; don't use them for parking, passing or turning.
- Never drive distracted or impaired. Always buckle up.

COVID-19 SAFETY TIPS

Protect Yourself and Others from COVID-19

COVER UP, LA COUNTY!

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT WEARING CLOTH FACE COVERINGS



For babies and children:

- **Under 2:** Not required or advised.
- **Ages 2-8:** Wear with adult help and supervision; children with breathing problems should NOT wear a cloth face covering.

For people with disabilities:

- If unable to put on or remove face covering, it's not required to wear one.



Everyone else:

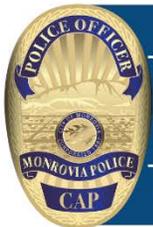
- Required at essential businesses, using public transportation or ride shares, and when unable to physically distance.

For more information, visit: publichealth.lacounty.gov/coronavirus



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)

