Highlighted Activity for May 1-3, 2017

During the last seven-day period, the Police Department handled 449 service events, resulting in 68 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.

Theft From a Vehicle
May 1 at 8:17 a.m., a resident in the 700 block of Mountain View called police to report that sometime during the night, someone entered their unlocked vehicle that was parked on the street and took a credit card. The investigation continuing.

Theft From a Vehicle
May 1 at 9:07 a.m., a resident in the 200 block of N. Shamrock Avenue called police to report that sometime during the night, someone entered both of her vehicles that were parked on the street and took miscellaneous items. The investigation is continuing.

Warrant – Suspect Arrested
May 1 at 12:12 p.m., a subject came into the police department lobby regarding a possible mental health issue. The investigation revealed the subject was not in any mental health distress; however, he did have an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The subject was arrested and is being held pending his court appearance.

Bear Incident
May 1 at 5:06 p.m., a resident in the 800 block of Norumbega called police to report a bear inside her home. The bear broke through a window to gain access. The Department of Fish and Wildlife was notified. They responded and relocated the bear.

Possession of a Controlled Substance / Warrants – Suspects Arrested
May 1 at 7:18 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 200 block of Norumbega for vehicle code violations. During the investigation, the driver was found to be in possession of methamphetamine and was arrested. The passenger was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

Theft From a Vehicle
May 2 at 8:07 a.m., a resident in the 100 block of May Avenue called police to report that sometime during the night, someone entered his unlocked vehicle that was parked on the street and stole miscellaneous coins. The investigation is continuing.

Public Intoxication – Suspect Arrested
May 3 at 12:09 a.m., officers responded to the 700 block of Valley View regarding a male adult subject causing a disturbance. They arrived and found the subject was too intoxicated to care for himself and his own safety. He was arrested for being drunk in public and held for a sobering period.

Warrant / Possession of a Controlled Substance / Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Suspect Arrested
May 3 at 1:07 a.m., an officer was on patrol in the 600 block of W. Huntington when he conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a vehicle code violation. A computer check of the subject revealed a warrant. The subject was arrested for the warrant and was found to also be in possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

Warrant – Suspect Arrested
May 3 at 3:45 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 100 block of E. Olive regarding a male adult subject causing a disturbance. Officers arrived and detained the subject. A computer check revealed he had four warrants for his arrest. The subject was arrested and taken into custody.

Court Order Violation
May 3 at 1:54 p.m., a resident in the 900 block of S. Mayflower called police to report her son, whom she has a restraining order against, was at the location refusing to leave. Officers arrived and located the subject in the mother's vehicle. He was arrested for violation of the restraining order. He was later released with a citation to appear in court on the charges.

Theft From a Vehicle
May 3 at 4:03 p.m., a theft from a vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of E. Huntington Drive. The victim reported that while he was away, someone entered his unlocked vehicle that was parked on the street. The loss could not be determined. The investigation is continuing.

Injury Traffic Collision
May 3 at 7:17 p.m., an officer responded to a traffic collision at Mountain and Central. A vehicle traveling west on Central ran the red traffic signal at Mountain and collided into a vehicle traveling south on Mountain. One subject complained of pain and was taken to a nearby hospital.

Carrying an Air Gun within a City Park / Being in a Park After Hours – Suspect Arrested
May 4 at 12:03 a.m., officers were on patrol in the 300 block of S. Myrtle and saw a subject sitting near the entrance to the library after the park was closed. Due to it being after park hours, the officers contacted the subject. During a pat-down search, officers recovered a BB gun in the subject's pocket. The subject was arrested for the violations. The subject was later released with a citation to appear in court.

Vehicle Burglary
May 4 at 4:34 a.m., a vehicle burglary was reported in the 600 block of Vaquero Road. The victim's vehicle was parked in the driveway. The victim looked outside from the

second story window and saw the suspect inside her vehicle. She yelled out the window and the suspect fled. The suspect entered the vehicle by prying the passenger side of the vehicle open. The loss is unknown at this time. The investigation is continuing.

Grand Theft
May 4 at 4:59 p.m., a grand theft was reported in the 600 block of S. Magnolia. The victim heard power tools outside of his residence and saw two subjects in hooded sweatshirts near his vehicle. One of the subjects yelled to the other and they fled in a silver Honda Element, heading north on Magnolia and out of sight. The victim checked his vehicle and discovered his catalytic converter was taken from his Honda Element. The investigation is continuing.

Tip of the Week

Monrovia Police Department Conducts Successful Distracted Driving Effort - Safety Message Strongly Enforced
Monrovia, CA—During the month of April, motorists caught violating California's distracted-driving law received a clear message from law enforcement during the high-visibility enforcement campaign.

"Using a hand-held phone for calls, texting or apps while driving is something we all know is dangerous and wrong, but too many drivers are doing it anyway. So when we see it, we show zero tolerance," said Lieutenant Rob Wilken, Monrovia Police Department.

The Monrovia Police Department issued 96 citations to violators of California's distracted-driving law during the recent enforcement period. The law provides that it is illegal to hold and use a cell phone while texting, calling or using apps while driving. It must be affixed to the vehicle and may be operated in hands free mode using voice activation or used with the motion of a single swipe or tap of the driver's finger.

"Distracted driving kills too many people for us to ignore the facts and pretend it's okay—it is never acceptable to text and drive," said Lieutenant Rob Wilken. According to the latest data from the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 3,477 people were killed, nationwide, and another 391,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers in 2015.

Offenders caught texting and driving will face tickets totaling at least $162, and higher for a second violation. Though the high-visibility enforcement effort is over, law enforcement officers will continue watching for distracted drivers to make sure all motorists keep their eyes on the road and their hands on the wheel.
This campaign is funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Stop Graffiti Bounty Program

One of the methods the Monrovia Police Department is using to combat graffiti in the community of Monrovia is the Stop Graffiti Bounty Program. If a citizen reports an

incident of graffiti in the City of Monrovia that leads to the arrest of the suspect, the citizen will receive a $100 bill. Help keep Monrovia looking great!

Contact Phone Numbers

For Emergency Dial 911
Police Department Business Line ....(626) 256-8000
Community Policing Sergeant ....(626) 256-8020
Watch Commander ....(626) 256-8030
Cell Watch   (626) 357-CELL (2355)
Graffiti Removal .... (855) 557-1007
Shopping Cart Removal ....(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)