

# Woodlake Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

The publication of this newsletter is unofficial and does not reflect any opinion, directive, or policy of the Woodlake Property Owners Association members or Board of Directors.

The primary purpose of the newsletter is to convey information designed to assist us to reduce or prevent crime in our community.

The information presented is available through various public access sources, personal interview, or observation. Your comments as to how we can improve this effort are welcome.

## 1. Bell County Sheriff Tip Line: Wanted as of April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 -[http://71.6.170.26/revize/bellcounty/departments/cscd\(adult\\_probation\)/most\\_wanted.php](http://71.6.170.26/revize/bellcounty/departments/cscd(adult_probation)/most_wanted.php), and/or; <http://bellcountycrimestoppers.com/>

Torey Banks, 34, is a 5'6" B/M, weighing 250 lbs, from Killeen, is wanted for Possession with Intent To Deliver CS. Also from Killeen are: Ayana Johnson, 22, is a 5'5", 150 lbs B/F wanted for Assault on a Public Servant and Lisa Kay, 23 y/o, 130 lbs B/F, wanted for Theft Over \$50.00 But Less Than \$1,500.00; and Terrance Kendrick, 27, B/M who is 5'11" tall weighing 173 lbs, wanted for Burglary of a Habitation.

From Temple are: Christian Stewart is a 22 y/o W/M that is 6'3" tall, weighing 180 lbs. with BRO eyes and BRO hair who is wanted for Burglary of a Habitation and Larry Head, 28 y/o, 5'9", 150 lbs, B/M wanted for Evading Arrest with a Motor Vehicle.

Please review the attached flyer; if you have any information regarding those individuals; Call the Bell County Sheriff's Office at 254-933-5400, your local law enforcement, or CRIMESTOPPERS AT 1-800-729-TIPS (Local 526-TIPS) There is now an "on-line" crime reporting system for your convenience at: [http://71.6.170.26/revize/bellcounty/citizen\\_online\\_reporting\\_system/index.php](http://71.6.170.26/revize/bellcounty/citizen_online_reporting_system/index.php)

**From Austin** - Benjamin Dominguez is a sexually violent predator from the El Paso area, is a Barrio Azteca gang member with a violent criminal history and numerous AKAs.

In 2001, Dominguez was convicted of Indecency with a Child by Exposure against a 14-year-old female victim. He served two years in TDCJ before being released. He was arrested again for Indecent Exposure a few months later and returned to TDCJ. He has also served jail time in New Mexico.

In 2009, the US Marshals Service in El Paso issued a warrant for Dominguez's arrest for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender. He is also wanted for Probation Violation by the New Mexico Corrections Department, Adult Probation and Parole Division.

Dominguez is believed to be a transient and has lived in El Paso and Socorro, Texas; Las Cruces, New Mexico; and Modesto, CA.



Race:W, Sex: M, DOB: 10/30/66, Ht: 5'7", Wgt: 225 lbs. AKA: Francisco Rodriguez, Ben Dominguez, Francisco Dominguez, Rogelio Morales, Rogelio Lopez Rogelio Mendoza, Morales, Rogelio Morales Ramirez, Johnny Rodriguez, Roger Rodriguez, Francisco Sanchez, Javier Zuniga, Chino. SMT: Tattoos: skulls, scorpion, and prison on left arm; panther, female holding shotgun, and eagle on right arm; barbed wire on left wrist; and "Yvette" on neck. Scars on chin, left elbow, and finger(s) on right hand. Needle marks on left arm. Wanted for: Failure to register as a sex offender, probation violation, possession of a controlled substance; resisting, evading or obstructing an officer. CCH: Indecency With A Child By Exposure, Failure To Comply With Sex Offender Registration, Assault Causes Bodily Injury, Possession Of A Controlled Substance, Burglary, Failure To Identify-Giving False/Fictitious Info, and DWI. LKA: 10141 Kendrick Circle, El Paso. Caution: Subject should be considered armed and dangerous! Contact: **Texas Crime Stoppers** Text "**DPS plus your tip**" to **274637** (CRIMES) or call **1-800-252-TIPS (8477)** - 24 hours a day.

**2. Crime Update: (Bell County, March 21, 2014)** - On Friday March 21, 2014 Bell County Sheriff's Investigators filed Burglary of Vehicle charges on: Jason Bogan Caldwell, Male, 17, 320 Scott St., Rogers; Crystal Meade, Female, 18, 2659 West Ranch Rd., Troy; Christy Arlene Pellegrin, Female, 18, 320 Scott St., Rogers; Maggie Hill, Female Age 19, 5 East Post Avel, Rogers; Hannan Lyon, Female, 21, 320 Scott St., Rogers.

Subjects remain in the Bell County Jail pending arraignment.

**3. KPD Report A Rise In Vehicle Thefts During 2013** - Raw data submitted to state and federal officials for the annual Uniform Crime Report showed the number of vehicle thefts in Killeen increased from 192 in 2012 to 202 in 2013.

According to the Insurance Information Institute a car is stolen in the U.S. every 24 seconds. Yet, preventing vehicle theft only requires a few common sense precautions: park in well-lit areas and avoid leaving items such as purses and cameras inside the vehicle, keep the vehicle inside a locked garage, and subscribing to a vehicle security service which can track a stolen vehicle, as an option.

Despite the warnings and new anti-theft technology auto theft continues to thrive.

Through interview of the police and other auto theft professionals a list of techniques thieves use to steal cars and some suggestions what can be done to help stop them:

- Bump against the car to check for a car alarm. Since it seems like everything from a loud Harley to a rumbling garbage truck can set off a car alarm, people have been conditioned to tune them out. Instead of a motion-sensitive car alarm, use one that has a pager that will notify you as soon as your alarm is activated.
- Break the window or jimmy the lock to gain entry into a locked car. Don't tempt car thieves. Keep valuables out of plain sight. Take them with you or store them in the trunk. Also, if you have a stereo with a removable face plate, take it with you instead of tucking it away in the glove box.
- Cut the steering wheel itself if there's a steering wheel lock. Instead of locking just your steering wheel, "lock" your car's ability to go by using a starter disable switch; put it where only you can get to it.
- Look for exposed wiring that can be cut or for the central unit of the car alarm to deactivate it. Instead of going to a big retail chain store, have your car alarm installed by a professional car alarm installer, preferably a reasonably shady one. Unlike retail chain employees, these experts know what it takes to make your car elusive to crooks.
- Look for car alarm decals to figure out which method to use to eliminate the alarm. Never display stickers that advertise what sort of car alarm you have, or audio system for that matter. Consider using a hood lock cable so the thief can't get to your battery or car alarm mechanism.
- Jump into an unattended running car while the owner is at the ATM, dropping off videos, etc. Never leave your keys in the ignition even for a quick errand. Car theft is a crime of opportunity so don't make it easy for them to grab yours.
- Look for the car's title, registration or anything with a home address on it. Keep your registration and insurance information with you and never leave personal information in your car.
- Stake out sporting events, movie theaters and shopping center parking lots for the car of your choice since they offer the largest variety of cars in one area. Whenever possible, park in lots and garages that have security and/or parking lot attendants. If not, don't park in the farthest corner of the lot but rather near the entrance of these facilities to insure the most foot traffic (and the most potential witnesses). Also, opt for paying the extra couple of dollars for the monitored parking lot instead of using the free parking on the less-trafficked side streets.
- Find the second set of keys the owner "hid" in the car. Don't leave spare keys in your car or in a magnetic box attached to the underside of your car. Thieves know where all the "hiding places" are.

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- Copy specific vehicle information and take it to the manufacturer to get a replacement key made. Instead of VIN etching the major parts of your vehicle, which doesn't turn most thieves off, drop your business card into the doors through the window slots to identify your car as yours. By law, you cannot remove the VIN number, but you can cover it with a piece of tape so it can't be viewed through the windshield thus allowing a thief the opportunity to have a duplicate key made then later steal your car.

High-end late model cars are equipped with "keyless" systems with which drivers are able to program tastes in music, adjust the preferred radio station, adjust seats and set the temperature automatically. These dealers won't risk damaging their reputation by selling a duplicate device that has to be programmed that may take up to several minutes without verifying ownership. Thus, newer vehicles are very difficult to steal in this fashion.

If you it still concerns you then remove the license plate frames telling a prospective thief where you bought the vehicle. Dark secluded locations, such as apartment buildings and complexes, carports, underground parking, and parking garages, can be appealing to car thieves because they can have their pick of vehicles in one location but are more likely to avoid steeling cars parked in wide open driveways and in front of houses and in driveways that are open, in plain sight.

Even though auto theft is a crime of opportunity, if a crook really wants your car, he'll do whatever it takes to get it regardless of steering wheel locks or car alarms. But with the above knowledge, you can slow him down, make your car inconvenient to him and, hopefully, discourage him from attempting to steal your vehicle.

Being quick and inconspicuous is necessary when stealing a car. That's why car thieves avoid things that may call attention to themselves and why most car thefts happen between 2 and 5 a.m. while everyone is asleep.

Good alarms with motion sensors, nosy neighbors, and security cameras also deter car thieves, who will simply go to other areas where they can avoid those certain things.

While it might seem like a great idea to warm your car up in the morning, you might as well put a bow on your car. Car thieves will simply hop in the car, put it in drive, and go. Vehicles taken when the owner leaves the key inside the car is not theft - it's a misdemeanor called "joyriding" thus reducing risk of incarceration.

Most people don't know they have a valet

key. Car thieves do and they use them to easily steal and drive away with a car. Valet keys usually can unlock the driver's side door and start the car, but can't unlock the trunk or the glove box. The valet key might be found inside the owner's manual or in the tool kit in the trunk.

Leaving the window open even the slightest can be the biggest mistake you can make. To a car thief, this is an open invitation; the car might as well be unlocked.

If a thief can get their fingers or a thin object through the gap enough to rock the glass back-and-forth it may be enough to pry the window out of its track. Then, it's an easy step to slide the window open enough to reach in to unlock the door.

Layering your car with anti-theft protection, especially if it's at the top of the most stolen vehicles list, is a good start. But, as with anything that is of value to you, the most important protection you can give your car is to take a proactive approach to security when you leave it unattended.

Year after year, the top 10 cars and trucks on the National Insurance Crime Bureau's (NICB) Hot Wheels list are not the latest and greatest things to roll off the assembly line. Instead, they're the tried-and-true workhorses of the auto industry - popular yet unglamorous models like the Accord, Civic, Camry, and F-150. Honda, (with Honda Civics and Honda Accords topping the list) Toyota, Acura, and General Motors vehicles are the easiest to steal, have good resale value and the parts are in demand.

Here's the NICB's list of most-stolen cars and trucks for 2011:

1. 1994 Honda Accord
2. 1998 Honda Civic
3. 2006 Ford F-150 Pickup
4. 1991 Toyota Camry
5. 2000 Dodge Caravan
6. 1994 Acura Integra
7. 1999 Chevrolet Pickup (Full Size)
8. 2004 Dodge Ram Pickup
9. 2002 Ford Explorer
10. 1994 Nissan Sentra

A lot of money is made from scavenging parts. For that reason, older cars almost inevitably prove more attractive to car thieves.

Year after year, older cars and trucks top the list of most-stolen vehicles due to the demand for and versatility of their parts.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says thieves can strip a vehicle in less than 30 minutes. By parting a vehicle rather than stealing the whole thing, they can increase their payday two to four times the vehicles' worth.

While the stereo system is no longer a big draw for thieves, cars now offer much more tantalizing options. Aftermarket in car entertainment and navigation systems have been becoming more and more complex as to keep up with features found standard in newer pricier cars. These units can cost hundreds or thousands of dollars to replace.

The little symbol on the hood of your car can be a draw for thieves as a trophy and to sell for profit as well. Replacements can cost hundreds of dollars. Without it your car still works fine, but the missing emblem hurts resale value immensely.

You can have a dealership fix the logos with a glass sealant or Araldite, which is a high strength epoxy.

In 2012, two men had stolen 72 Honda Fit wheels from a dealership before they were caught. Recently there has been a nationwide trend of Honda Fit wheels being stolen because the smaller rims are prized in car modification.

All anyone needs to steal wheels off of a car is a few cinderblocks and some tools. Usually the entire wheel is stolen, and the tire and rims can be sold separately.

A steering wheel lock such as The Club will prevent air bag as well as auto theft. If you need an air bag replaced, check the invoice to make sure that the parts came from a manufacturer, dealer or certified recycler.

Ask if you can inspect the air bag before it's installed in your vehicle to ensure it's sealed in new packaging and not taken from another car illegally.

Law enforcement in at least eight states have reported a rash of tailgate thefts. Depending on the model of pickup, a tailgate can sell for between \$1,000 and \$4,000! Police recommend keeping your tailgate locked making it more difficult to steal. It's also wise to ensure your tailgate has your Vehicle Identification Number etched somewhere on it so if its stolen, it can be recovered. There are some products out there designed to further secure tailgates by bolting the latch that the tailgate pivots on to the truck.

#### 4. On The Horizon: Is a Rise In Use of Illegal Drugs Cause the Increase in Drug Trafficking or Vice-Versa?

- Currently, six of the eight most dangerous cartels have command and control networks working in the state. The majority of smuggling routes come through the Central Texas area on interstate highways, bringing drugs and people into the country, and transporting cash, weapon and stolen cars back to Mexico. A marked increase in the illicit drug trade is plaguing Williamson, Bell and McClellan counties. The WPOA NW Coordinator.