

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 28 February, 2014 -
[http://71.6.170.26/revize/bellcounty/departments/cscd\(adult_prob_ation\)/most_wanted.php](http://71.6.170.26/revize/bellcounty/departments/cscd(adult_prob_ation)/most_wanted.php), and/or, <http://bellcountycrimestoppers.com>

It's unusual, but good news is rarely reported; two of Bell Counties Most Wanted have been CAPTURED! John Ramirez (Indecency with a Child) and Cody Tobias (Unauthorized Use of Vehicle) have both been arraigned and, hopefully, will serve time in retribution for their transgressions.

Still at large are: from Belton - Lucio Salinas, 42, Possession of Controlled Substance, from Temple - Julian Ramirez, 35, Assault By Strangulation, Sarah Honeycutt, 24, Credit Card Abuse, and Robert Favors, 22, Assault by Strangulation.

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

From Austin: An up to \$10,000 reward is offered for information leading to the arrest of Raul Ambrosio Jimenez, Jr.; wanted for: Sexual Assault of a Child, Traffic of Person under 18 - Prostitution and Probation Violation (Original Offense: Manufacture/Delivery of Heroin). Race: Hispanic, Sex: M, DOB: 07/24/67, Ht: 5'9" WT: 210 lbs.



AKA: Rail Ambrosio Jimenez, Junior Jiminez, SMT: Tattoos: Female figure/scroll/ dragon on upper right arm; and male face/tower on upper left arm. Scar on left eyebrow. CCH: Prostitution, Burglary, Vehicle Theft, Counterfeiting, Possession of Marijuana, Resisting Officer, Manufacture/Delivery of Controlled Substance, Traffic Violations. LKA: 7650 Highway 90, #813, San Antonio, Texas.

Antonio, Texas.

Details: Jimenez, is identified as a member of the Texas Syndicate gang from the San Antonio area and has relatives in the Bexar County vicinity. He has a lengthy criminal history dating back to 1987, with arrests for Prostitution, Burglary, Vehicle Theft, Counterfeiting, Possession of Marijuana, Resisting Officer, and traffic violations. In 2006, Jimenez was convicted of Manufacture/Delivery of Heroin, was sentenced to federal prison but was released with supervision 2011.

In November 2011, Jimenez was involved in the sexual assault of a female juvenile, resulting in a four-count indictment. On December 12, 2012, the Bexar County Sheriff's Office issued a warrant for his arrest for Sexual Assault of a Child, then in February 2013, the US Marshals issued a warrant for Jimenez's arrest for Probation Violation

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 Man Defends His Property.

Killeen - Bell County Deputies responded to a reported burglary at 7 A.M. (2/20) in the 15000 block of Maxdale Road south of Killeen.

The homeowner was awakened by a loud crash. Before he could get up, a man entered the bedroom and began striking him while he was still in bed.

The homeowner told deputies that he was eventually able to gain control and hold the man until law enforcement arrived.

The suspect, Margarito Sanchez, was arrested for burglary. (Source: ...)

3. Believe-it-or-Not; Bell County's Rate of Population Growth Has Inverse Relation to Crime Trends -

	2012	2013	% \triangle
Homicides	2	2	0%
Sexual Assaults	0	0	
Sexual Offences	7	3	-57%
Robbery:			
Commercial	0	0	
Individual	46	13	-72%
Assault	289	316	9%
Aggravated Assault	36	29	-14%
Burglary:			
Commercial	72	84	17%
Residential	146	107	-27%
Theft	393	389	-1%
Fraud	107	111	4%
Theft of Vehicle	33	38	13%
Theft from Vehicle	215	193	-10%

Our efforts to reduce crime, county wide, appear not to have been in vain. From January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013, with the exception of Fraud, Burglary from Commercial Buildings and Vehicular Theft, acts of major crimes within Bell County have trended downward.

For example: Assault and Aggravated Assault decreased from 1.1/100K to .94/100K; a net of 14% and 22% respectfully while Theft (unspecified) dropped by a net 4% and Theft from a Vehicle dropped by 9%. There were no Sexual Assaults reported, however; the percentage of Sexual Offences (all others) dropped 57 gross points.

More importantly, reported cases of Robbery of an Individual dropped from 46 in 2012 (.15/100K) to 13 in 2013 (.05/100K) for a net change of 58%. And, reports of Residential Burglary fell a net 67% from a 2012 figure of 146, (.45/100K) to 107 (.32/100K) in 2013.

At the projected 3.5 - 4.0% annual population growth (greater Bell County) the economy (employment rate and income growth) has kept pace with State averages. Much of the waxing and waning are largely due to the influx of military (nonresidents and spouses) in Killeen where a gross increase of 15% in all crime categories was recorded.

Despite that, according to the 2013 Uniform Crime Report from the Killeen Police Department, fewer violent and non-violent crimes attributed to the decline in the overall crime index from the 2012 numbers.

In Killeen, violent crimes (aggravated assault, murder, rape and robbery) went down more than 11%. Non-violent crimes (burglary, larceny and vehicle thefts) were down almost 4%.

According to the report, the only crime category up in 2013 by 7% was vehicle theft. The report shows the overall crime index, which includes both violent and non-violent crimes, dropped 5%. This report does not consider every category of reportable crimes (assault, sexual offences and theft), only the number of crimes reported.

Certainly, an increase in population and growth in incomes would normally precede raising crime rates. Yet, despite that comparison, crime rates countywide have an inverse relationship to the positive demographics (housing starts/construction, household income, education, business and industry).

What factors attribute to the trends are varied and convoluted. An in-depth examination and comparison of like neighborhoods may yield a clearer picture of what does affect crime statistics and trends.

Our study recorded the types and number of crimes reported in 2013 by communities whose organized neighborhood watches are

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either haven't established an organized neighborhood watch or hadn't registered one with USAonWatch.com.

Considering variables like density of households, accessibility, proximity and responsiveness of law enforcement, the ratio of "per capita" of total number of reported crimes varied only slightly. However, skewing the data to consider only those "crimes of opportunity" (Robbery, Burglary and Theft) the statistics may surprise you.

During the calendar year of 2013 there were only two reported crimes in Woodlake; neither were crimes of opportunity. The denizens of Denmons Loop (et al) were victims of one case each of vehicle and home burglary, and 4 cases of theft. The Eagle Mountain Park community (West Cliff area) suffered a home burglary and 2 thefts.

Just a half-mile further in Lakeview there was 1 vehicle, 4 home burglaries and 2 thefts.

In Harker Heights, the Neighborhood Watch group on Evergreen Dr. was subject to an aggravated robbery with a firearm and one misdemeanor theft of motor vehicle parts. The adjacent neighborhoods weren't so fortunate. In Meadow Acres and Highland Oaks, the number of reportable crimes of opportunity were triple that.

Comparing communities near Stillhouse Hollow Lake, in the burgeoning community of Sherwood Shores VIII, there were 3 thefts (1 of a firearm) and 2 cases of burglary of a vehicle; amounting to fewer than half of crimes committed in adjacent neighborhoods reported in 2013.

Heritage Village was compared to the adjacent neighborhoods of Northwest Hills and Bird Creek in north Temple where 4 homes and 2 vehicles burglaries, and 1 felony theft were reported in 2013, mirroring the afore mentioned community's data.

Likewise, in the community of The Ridge and the Hills of Westwood, Brazos Bend, that do not have a registered neighborhood watches, the number of reported crimes of opportunity was twice that of Lakeside Hills where 2 home burglaries and 1 theft were reported.

One could argue that not considering variables such as difference in population density, average incomes, tenants v.s. owner occupancy ratios, etc., the actual trend in criminal activity from the raw data can't be adequately projected.

Despite all the external factors, the one conclusion is that regardless of how many residence, the property values or income levels in the community, the greater the participation and awareness that is exercised in your neighborhood watch, the less likely you or your neighbors will be victims of some crime of opportunity.

Included as a reference is a glossary of types of crime:

Assault - Threat of bodily harm coupled with an apparent, present ability to cause the harm. It is both a crime and a tort and, therefore, may result in either criminal and/or civil liability.

Aggravated Assault - a stronger form of assault, usually using a deadly weapon:

- Cause serious bodily injury to another person with a deadly weapon
- Cause grievous bodily harm to another person, such as rape or kidnapping
- Have sexual relations with a person who is under the age of consent
- Cause bodily harm by recklessly operating a motor vehicle; often referred to as either vehicular assault or aggravated assault with a motor vehicle.

Burglary - Illegal entry into a building for the purposes of committing an offence. Usually that offence will be theft, but most jurisdictions specify others that fall within the ambit of burglary.

Fraud - Deception deliberately practiced in order to secure unfair or unlawful gain. Fraud is both a civil wrong and a criminal wrong.

Robbery - Taking or attempting to take something of value by force or threat of force or by putting the victim in fear. At common law, robbery is defined as taking the property of another, with the intent to permanently deprive the person of that property, by means of force or fear. Robbery is always a felony.

Theft - Taking of another person's property without that person's permission or consent with the intent to deprive the rightful owner of it. The word is also used as an informal shorthand term for some crimes against property, such as burglary, embezzlement, larceny, looting, robbery, shoplifting, library theft and fraud.

Sexual Assault - Involuntary sexual act in which a person is threatened, coerced, or forced to engage against their will, or any sexual touching of a person who has not consented. This includes rape (such as forced vaginal, anal or oral penetration), groping, forced kissing, child sexual abuse, or the torture of the victim in a sexual manner.

Sexual Offences - General term used to account for "all other" non-contact sexual crimes (i.e. possession of child pornography, failure to register, etc.)

4. On The Horizon - Smile the next time you visit your bank or credit union: You probably assume, correctly, that you are photographed every time you enter your bank or credit union; particularly, when you're at your teller's window. But, did you know that you're also photographed and evaluated before you even enter the front door?

The term *biometrics* refers to technologies that measure and analyze human physiological or behavioral characteristics for authentication or identification purposes. Some of the most widely used characteristics or biometric factors are fingerprints, irises, voice patterns and the spatial geometry of the face.

- The WPOA NW Coordinator.