

# Woodlake Property Owners Association Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

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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 January 30<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); Ronald Harris is a 6'6" tall, 210 lb, B/M wanted for Aggravated assault (featured).



John Gardner, 27, is a 5'11", 205 lb., W/M, Ronald Webb, 29, 6'3", 195 lbs., B/M, and Andre Brox, 6'1", 210 lbs., 37 y/o, B/M, are wanted for Burglary.

James Ward a 44 y/o, W/M, weighing 230 lbs., is 6'0" tall, is wanted for Theft.

Wanted for evading arrest is 20 y/o, H/M, 5'11", 180 lbs, Amador Marquez Jr.

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:** Up to \$5,000 is being offered for another Texas fugitives still Wanted: Robert Barrera, Jr. RACE: W, SEX: M, DOB: 09/26/82, HT: 5'08", WT: 200-225 lbs., AKA: Raymond Labis,



Guzman Escobar, Raymond Larvis SMT: Tattoos on left hand, right hand, right arm, chest, and back. Wanted For: Parole Violation (Original Offense: Burglary of a Habitation), Obstructing Police, and Escape. CCH: False Statement for Property, Fail to ID Fugitive From Justice, Criminal Trespassing, Forgery, and Burglary of a Habitation. LKA: 4902 Merritt Cove Circle, Apt

A, Austin, TX. Caution: Subject should be considered ARMED and DANGEROUS!

Details: Barrera has a history of Resisting and Evading Arrest! Between 2001 and 2003, Barrera was arrested five times in Austin, Texas, on a variety of charges, including Burglary of a Habitation, Criminal Trespass, Theft, False Statement to Obtain Credit, and Failure to Identify Fugitive From Justice.

On April 6, 2005, the Austin Police Department attempted to arrest Barrera for a Parole Violation warrant, but Barrera eluded capture by fleeing the residence on foot. He was wearing a monitoring bracelet on his ankle at the time of his escape, but the bracelet is no longer functional.

Barrera is currently wanted by the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles for Parole Violation (Original Offense: Burglary of a Habitation). He is also wanted by the Travis County Sheriff's Office for Escape From Custody and Obstructing Police.

## 2. Crime Update:

**Killeen** - Police have arrested a 28-year-old man who was wanted for manslaughter for a single vehicle accident in which a passenger was killed.

Orvin Scott Lee II was the driver involved in a single vehicle accident on June 4 2013, in which a passenger was killed. Though Lee was seriously injured during the accident, he was arrested on intoxication manslaughter charges. His bond has been set at \$1,000,000. There is also a TDCJ hold on him for a parole violation.

Police later determined that Lee was drunk at the time of the

Texas DPS investigated the accident and a warrant was issued for intoxicated manslaughter, as well as a blue warrant for a parole violation.

The arrest was made about 2 p.m. Monday afternoon at a Killeen home. Police say the arrest came after a Crime Stoppers tip.

Killeen PD is asking for the public's help to find a man who used a credit card that was stolen during a car burglary in November.



Officers were called out to the 1900 block of Moonlight St., just after 7 p.m. on November 21, about a car burglary. A woman told police that she realized she left her purse inside her car, and she saw that it was gone when she went outside to get it later.

She called to cancel her credit card and they told her the card had been used earlier that morning at two different stores near her home.

Officers obtained a photo from one of the store video surveillance cameras showing a man using the stolen credit card.

Detectives are asking anyone who can identify this man or has information about this incident to call Crime Stoppers at 254-526-TIPS (8477), go online at [www.bellcountycrimestoppers.com](http://www.bellcountycrimestoppers.com) or text BELLCO along with their tip to 274637-. (Source: KXXV.com)

## Part 3 of Our Cyber Crime Awareness Series; How Criminals Exploit Social Media Against You - We've all seen the posting on Facebook: A friend at the airport, family in tow. She posts a "Selfie" of her and her kids, all bundled up for a winter vacation.

"Heading off on our vacation, woo hoo! Won't be back for two weeks!"

What's wrong with that picture?

Did she really want anyone to know her house would be empty for the next two weeks? There's nothing wrong with keeping in touch with friends and family on social media. But if you're not careful, the wrong people could be looking at your check-ins, tweets, status updates, and other social media posts.

I'm talking about burglars, stalkers and other criminals. According to one survey, more than 75 percent of convicted burglars admitted that thieves use social media to target victims!

Here's how they do it - and what you can do to prevent from becoming their next victim.

(1). Location-Sharing Services And Apps:

Checking in at the airport or your hotel might seem like a fun way to let friends and family know you're on vacation. But it could also be letting the wrong people know that your house is empty.

Burglars are combing through social media looking for easy targets. These criminals only need a rough idea of where you live - and access to Google Street View - to start casing your home.

There are steps you can take to stay off these criminals' radar.

If you use location-sharing apps like Foursquare, get to know the privacy features and use them. Make sure they aren't syncing up with Facebook, Twitter or any of your other social networks. If they do, you might be broadcasting your location to people you don't even know.

And check your Facebook privacy settings to make sure you're sharing personal information only with close friends and family.

Beware of apps that use your GPS automatically. Not only is this bad for your privacy, it quickly drains your smartphone's battery.

To turn off location tracking on your iPhone, go to Settings>> Privacy>>Location Services>>System Services. Scroll down and turn on the Status Bar icon. There you can see which apps are tracking you, and you can turn them off. Click here for 6 privacy settings to change in iOS 7 now.

On an Android, go to Settings>>Location Services and turn GPS off when you don't need it. To turn off Location Services on a Windows phone, go to Settings>>Location

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### (2). Online Photos:

Social media was built for sharing great photos with friends and family. Sadly, sometimes the wrong people are looking at your pictures - and using them to make you a target.

That's because every picture you upload online is loaded with valuable information. This includes where and when the photo was taken, and what kind of camera or smartphone was used to take it.

This information is called EXIF data. Some sites - like Facebook, thankfully - automatically strip it out when you upload pictures, but many don't. Any burglar who knows how to find this information can find out where you live and other revealing information!

The good news is it's simple remove EXIF data.

Even if you do take out the EXIF data, you might still have revealing information in the photo. Avoid posting photos that show street names, obvious landmarks or personal information.

### (3). Facebook's Graph Search:

Facebook is great for sharing, but not always the best for protecting your privacy. Click here for 3 big Facebook privacy changes you should know about.

One of the biggest privacy changes to Facebook this year is the new Graph Search. It was designed for deep searching across the service. It lets you pull up old posts, comments, photo tags, location data, Likes and more.

There's a dangerous side to Graph Search. Criminals can use it to collect valuable information about where you live, your work schedule, what you own and more. Don't be a victim! Click here to see how Facebook's Graph Search exposes your past posts - and what you can do to protect your privacy.

### (4). Revealing Posts:

When you're having a great time, you want to share it with the world. But I recommend not sharing your vacation news in real time. It's probably not a great idea to broadcast photos of jewelry or that shiny new home-entertainment system, either.

Wait until you're safely home to post vacation stories. And instead of sharing potentially sensitive photos across your social networks, create a private photo album on a site like Flickr - and share it only with close friends.

Modern homes have so many holes - digital and analog - that a criminal can sneak through. Here are some recommendations for closing the most important "holes" in your defenses:

- Let's start with the traditional burglar. At the current value of gold, your jewelry boxes are a primary and easy target.

Often burglars don't care if you're at home while they break and enter and is why having a security system makes a lot of sense. In many cases, even a few security cameras or a blaring alarm is enough to scare off casual burglars. However, more dedicated burglars might give your house a go anyway.

Even unsophisticated crooks know that most security systems connect to monitoring services using a landline. So, the obvious

solution is to cut the phones before entering. Even if the alarm is tripped, no one will know.

Until recently, alarm companies have been lagging behind with introducing systems that do not depend on hard-wire communications.

- Some modern alarm systems don't rely on a landline and, unless a burglar is lugging around a cellphone jammer, you won't be cut off from your monitoring service and help. There are several to choose from; see the attachment for several examples.

- Even a good security system won't protect you against a smash and grab. That's where a burglar targets one or two high-ticket items and disappears before the police can respond.

Of course, thieves don't usually pull this when someone is home, or unless they have a good idea what the score will be. That's why tech-savvy burglars have taken to planning their jobs with information from Facebook, Twitter and other social sites.

They might pop on your computer or mobile gadget when your back is turned. Maybe they'll quickly pocket that cash, credit card statement or medical insurance card you left in the open.

Needless to say, it's a good idea to keep bills, money and other personal information out of areas that host visitors. You might even throw them in an inexpensive safe.

You should also lock your computer and mobile gadgets when other people are around. If you do let them use your gadgets, give them guest accounts or keep a close eye on them.

- Fortunately, most people these days arrive with their own laptops, smartphones and tablets. So they shouldn't need to use yours and risk your personal information.

However, they will need access to your Wi-Fi, which can be just as bad. They might try to get information streaming across your connection, or they might just let viruses on to your network.

That's why you want a router that lets you create a guest network is a good idea.

Of course, with Wi-Fi someone doesn't even need to be a visitor in your home. If you leave your network unsecured, neighbors and people just driving by can hop on your network.

Then they can attack your computers or just use your Internet connection for free. The worst part is if they use your connection to download or upload illegal content - like movies or child pornography. (Source: <http://www.komando.com/tips>)

**4. Data Suggests Burglary of Homes in the Sparta Valley Area, Is On The Rise** - There were 9 home burglaries in the Sparta Valley Area during the month of January 2014. That's a 125% increase of reported burglaries in the area from the month of December 2013!

Starting in the '60s, and through the '70s, as more homes installed dead-bolts, burglaries have steadily declined. In the past few years that trend has leveled off but, as evidenced by the most recent reported crime summary, the threat is still present.