

## Woodlake Property Owners Association Neighborhood Watch Newsletter Christmas Edition

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.

The Editor and Staff want to wish you and your loved ones a Very Merry Christmas and a Fortuitous and Happy New Year. Stay safe and stay warm!

**1. Bell County Sheriff Tip Line: Wanted as of November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 -** [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); Three of this issue's infamous citizens hail from Killeen: Isaac Cabrera, 31, is a 160 lb, W/M with brown eyes and black hair, wanted for Assault Causing Bodily Injury; 36 y/o, 6'3", 150 lbs, Howard Rankin is wanted for Obstruction or Retaliation and; 4'11", 110 lbs, Tiana Newhouse, is a 23 y/o, B/F, wanted for Possession of a Controlled Substance. Also wanted for Possession of a Controlled Substance is 24 y/o Ashley Patton who is a 5'9", 154 lbs, W/F. Patton's last known address is in Temple.

Christopher Edgar is a 19 y/o, 5'4", 173 lbs, W/M, from Temple who is wanted for Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle.

Lastly, wanted for Injury to a Child, from Troy is 30 y/o Richard Allen. Allen is 5'9", 145 lbs.

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:** Fredrick Lee Davis has been CAPTURED and the \$10,000 Reward cancelled. Race: Black, Sex: Male, DOB: 03/08/88



ht: 6'1" weight: 260 lbs. AKA: Frederick Lee Davis  
SMT: Gunshot scar on front left knee, cut scar upper lip.  
Tattoos: "SS"/"GOON"/ "45"/clown on chest; lines above and below left eye; "RK"/cheese art/skull/"87" outside upper right arm; Smurf character upper left arm.  
Gang(s): Crips, CCH; Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon, Assault Causes Bodily Injury-  
Family Member, Burglary of Habitation,

unauthorized Use of Vehicle, Possession of Marijuana, Abandon/Endanger Child Without Intent to Return, Unlawful Possession of Firearm by Felon, LKA: 4950 Wadsworth lkc: Dallas, Caution: Subject was considered ARMED and DANGEROUS!

Details: Fredrick Lee Davis was included in the Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitives Program on August 14, 2013.

On August 14, 2013, at approximately 1:35 P.M., as the result of investigative efforts, Officers with the Texas Office of Attorney General and Duncanville Police Department located Davis at a residence in Duncanville, Texas. Davis was taken into custody without incident. The capture was not the result of a tip.

**2. Crime Update:** a. Thieves hit close to home - Two incidents of theft/burglary have occurred in our community:

\* Theft From a Person at the vicinity of: 53XX DENMANS BLUFF happened at 12:25 PM on December 6th, '13.

\* Burglary of Habitation/Forced Entry in a home at : 54XX DENMANS MOUNTAIN RD also on the 6th at 12:00 P.M.

Due to the similarities in the two crimes and the close proximity of the victims/targets, It's evident these crimes were committed by the same person(s).

Anyone having information about these crimes are urged to call CRIME STOPPERS or the Bell County Sheriff's Office immediately.

b. **Temple** - Virgil Neal Parker Jr., 60, has been charged with second-degree arson for allegedly burning a man's car over the weekend. He was originally arrested on Saturday and held on a public intoxication charge.

Parker was involved in an argument with a man at the Village Meadows Bend Apartments, located in the 2700 block of South MLK Jr. Dr. in Temple, on Saturday. Investigators believe that Parker torched the other man's car later on that day.

c. Officers arrived on the scene and met with the 21-year-old female who told police that she arrived in the parking area of the Summit Ridge Apartment complex, in the 5400 block of 205 Loop complex at 11:30 p.m. She says that a black man approached her car and knocked on the driver's side window.

He told her that he had an emergency and asked the victim if he could use her cell phone. When she handed him her phone, the suspect took a handgun from his pocket. The victim took an unknown amount of money from her wallet and gave it to the man.

The suspect was last seen entering an older model tan 4-door vehicle and described as a 6' tall, medium build, clean-shaven black man with a dark complexion wearing a red hoodie and black pants.

Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact the Temple Police Department at 254-298-5500.

**3. 'Tis the season to be jolly, but it is also the season to be wary of burglars, thieves, pickpockets, and other holiday Grinchs -**

With all the things that go along with the holiday season, Christmas is a time when people get distracted and tend not focus on the surroundings. Nothing can ruin the holiday spirit faster than becoming the victim of a crime.

With the exception of shoplifting, on-the-whole the overall crime rates do not change during the Holidays; some cities actually experience a drop in violent crimes and assaults which pale in comparison to the surge in the crimes of fraud, false pretense and forgery. An increase of break-ins of automobiles occurs because people don't conceal their packages.

Put yourself in the shoes of a petty thief; wouldn't you'd rather take your chances having your head covered because of the cold weather and masked from the casual observer, while the cops are kept busy chasing-down purse snatchers you and your accomplice can make a clean get-away without anyone being the wiser? Why trouble yourself where there are security systems about the house, dogs, vigilant neighbors, streetlights and armed homeowners?

The thief might casually walk through the mall wearing sunglasses, a "hoodie" and clothes that actually fit to pick his target - a lone woman who habitually lays her purse, shopping bags or shopping carts unattended while looking at merchandise. It only takes him a split second to commit the crime, blend in with the crowd and be gone with items she purchased or her purse! Who could she possibly blame, except HERSELF!

Thieves like convenience, not confrontation. When out on the prowl they're quick to spot their target and the opportunity to rob your home, your car, and even you. It only takes ten seconds for someone to smash your car window, grab all those gifts you spent all day and a lot of money on, and disappear. If you have a bundle of packages, put them in the trunk of your vehicle. Stay aware of your surroundings and try to keep your purse at your side or in your hand at all times. If someone does confront you, then comply with their demands and be a good witness. Try and remember what they look like, if they have tattoos, or what they were wearing so you can give police a description that may lead to an arrest.

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- Be alert to strangers who appear to be standing around for no particular reason or approaching, as the person could be an opportunist waiting to grab shopping bags or belongings.
- Don't get distracted making yourself vulnerable by talking on a cell phone when walking in a retail environment or in the parking lot.
- Always park in well-lit, well-traveled areas; not in remote, dark places.
- Have keys readily available when approaching your vehicle so no fumbling or looking is necessary to unlock the vehicle.
- After purchasing items, lock packages and gifts in the trunk whenever possible. Always keep vehicles locked.
- Do not leave purses, wallets, phones, GPS, or other items in plain view in a vehicle. Even if the vehicle is locked up, it is easy to break a window to get the items.
- Don't resist if someone tries to take belongings as often criminals are armed; instead call 911.
- Carry only needed credit cards; never carry large sums of money.
- When returning home after a shopping trip, be sure to have house keys in hand and ready to use when reaching the door.
- Always lock house doors when gone, even if it is just for a short period of time.
- Leave home lights turned on after dark, both inside and outside.
- If away from home for several days, make arrangements for someone to pick up mail and newspapers. Burglars look for occupancy cues.
- The most important key to using your ATM card safely is to be observant and look around for any suspicious persons or activity near the ATM machine, especially during the holiday season.

The shopping season seems to be a good time for criminals to try to pass counterfeit bills on busy store clerks. Learn how to identify "funny money".

The repercussions of losing your wallet can be a disaster for you and a field day for an identity thief. Know what to do the second you discover your wallet is missing, either lost or stolen.

Be careful when someone you do not know comes to your door during the holiday season. Criminals take advantage of the holiday season to prey on those who are unsuspecting and generous.

The FBI ([www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov)) caution for consumers to be aware of gift card scams in which scammers sell gift cards that are either counterfeit or stolen. To be on the safe side, only purchase gift cards directly from the merchant or authorized retail merchant. If the merchant discovers the card you received from another source or auction was initially obtained fraudulently, the merchant will deactivate the gift card number, and it will not be honored to make purchases.

In a variation of the "triangulation scheme", some scammers will run classified ads or auctions for products they don't have. The FBI alert said, "If you receive an auction product from a merchant or retail store, rather than directly from the auction seller, the item may have been purchased with someone else's stolen credit card number. Contact the merchant to verify the account used to pay for the item actually belongs to you."

The alert also gave the standard cautions about making payment to sellers you don't know.

- Do not provide credit card numbers, bank account numbers, or other financial information directly to the seller.
- Always use a legitimate payment service to protect your purchases.

Yes, everyone wants a good deal at this time of year. But sometimes, sellers offering a "good deal" have no intention of honoring their end of the deal. Shoppers are warned to validate each seller they purchase from. Do your research by looking at reviews

from multiple sources. Often times people will leave fake reviews in order to make affiliate commissions.

The FBI alert took this one step further and said, "Diligently check each seller's rating and feedback along with their number of sales and the dates on which feedback was posted. Be wary of a seller with 100 percent positive feedback, if they have a low total number of feedback postings, and all feedback was posted around the same date and time."

Also, "read the fine print" when making purchases to avoid ongoing charges. Unlike the "gift that keeps on giving," some can turn into the one that keeps on taking your money. This is possible because many products will charge 'rebills' – meaning that you pay monthly until you cancel.

While anecdotal evidence may suggest a spike in domestic abuse between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, there is no singular study or set of data that clearly establishes a higher or lower rate of domestic abuse during the Holidays. Yet, the Holiday Season can be a uniquely challenging period for victims of domestic violence.

Past studies from the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence found that reported incidents of domestic abuse actually fell below the year-round average on Valentine's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day. The studies postulate that spike in domestic violence are more likely on holidays when use of alcohol increases and what sentiments are attached to that day.

Regardless of statistics, domestic abuse victims may want to err on the side of caution and take extra safety precautions during the holidays. To minimize the possibility of violent confrontations during the holidays, consider the following:

- Identify easy exits, no matter where you are;
- Establish "code words" for kids to signal a potential problem;
- Avoid arguments in the kitchen; and
- Become familiar with how to obtain a restraining order.

<http://www.lvmpd.com/Portals/0/pdf/prevention/HolidaySeasonCrimePreventionTips.pdf>

(Source: <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2012/crime-in-the-u.s.-2012>)

**4. On The Horizon: As if the threat of access to all of our private information - ...**From every portal of the "Affordable Care Act" (AKA - Obamacare) Healthcare.gov, weren't bad enough, consumers across the globe are likely to witness more complex and diverse cyber-attacks in coming months.

Because high-volume advanced malware runs a higher risk of detection, cybercriminals will rely more heavily on lower volume, more targeted attacks to secure a foothold, steal user credentials and move unilaterally throughout infiltrated networks.

The prediction is that "Ransomware" will play a part in this trend and move down market to small- and medium-sized organizations with focused attacks on data stored in the cloud versus data stored on the network.

In 2014, cyberattacks will be even more complex and diverse. While the general volume of advanced malware will decrease, it's expected that the volume of targeted attacks and data destruction incidents will increase.

Concurrent, class-based, object-oriented programming languages like **Java** will remain extremely exposed to exploitation as most end points will continue to run older versions.

As social networking continues to appeal to the business community in 2014, attackers will increasingly use professional websites, such as LinkedIn, to research and lure executives, to gather intelligence and to compromise networks.

- *The WPOA NW Coordinator*. (Source: [http://zeenews.india.com/news/net-news/cyber-criminals-to-use-more-targetted-attacks-in-2014-websense\\_890107.html](http://zeenews.india.com/news/net-news/cyber-criminals-to-use-more-targetted-attacks-in-2014-websense_890107.html))