

# Woodlake Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

## Martin Luther King Edition

### MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday celebrates the life and legacy of a man who brought hope and healing to America. We commemorate as well the timeless values he taught us through his example – the values of courage, truth, justice, compassion, dignity, humility and service that so radiantly defined Dr. King’s character and empowered his leadership. On this holiday, we commemorate the universal, unconditional love, forgiveness and nonviolence that empowered his revolutionary spirit.



We commemorate Dr. King’s inspiring words, because his voice and his vision filled a great void in our nation, and answered our collective longing to become a country that truly lived by its noblest principles. Yet, Dr. King knew that it wasn’t enough just to talk the talk; he had to walk the walk for his words to be credible. And so we commemorate on this holiday the man of action, who put his life on the line for freedom and justice every day, the man who braved threats and jail and beatings and who ultimately paid the highest price to make democracy a reality for all Americans.

The Holiday commemorates America’s pre-eminent advocate of nonviolence – the man who taught by his example that nonviolent action is the most powerful, revolutionary force for social change available to oppressed people in their struggles for liberation.

This holiday honors the courage of a man who endured harassment, threats and beatings, and even bombings. We commemorate the man who went to jail 29 times to achieve freedom for others, and who knew he would pay the ultimate price for his leadership, but kept on marching and protesting and organizing anyway.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is not only for celebration and remembrance, education and tribute, but above all a day of service. All across America on the Holiday, his followers perform service in hospitals and shelters and prisons and wherever people need some help. It is a day of volunteering to feed the hungry, rehabilitate housing, tutoring those who can’t read, mentoring at-risk youngsters, consoling the broken-hearted and a thousand other projects for building the beloved community of his dream.

### COUNTY SHERIFF TIP LINE: WANTED AS OF DECEMBER 31st, 2015

[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>

**Joshua Wayne Bauer** is a 28 y/o, W/M that is 5’ 10” tall and weighs 186 lbs. Bauer has brown eyes and black hair and is wanted for Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon whose last known address is in Killeen.

**FROM AUSTIN: A Reward of Up To \$10,000 is offered for information leading to the arrest of: Gaspar E. Loya, III.**

**WANTED FOR:** Escape, Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement, Parole Violation (Indecency with Child by Contact, Burglary), & Failure to Comply with Sex Offender Registration.

**Details:**

- W/M, DOB: 06/20/74, HT: 5'11" WT: 185 lbs.
- AKA: Basper Loya, Jesus Espinoza Dominguez, Jesus Dominguez-Espinoza, Gasper Loya, Pipó
- SMT: Tattoos: "Jasmine" on back, "Tyra" on abdomen, chest, a web on left hand, and Heart/Chain/ "Lisa" on right thigh; Scar on left arm.
- CCH: Murder, Assault, Indecency with a Child by Contact, Reckless Endangerment, Resisting Arrest, Obstructing Police, Burglary of a Habitation, Vehicle Theft, Forgery, and DUI
- LKA: 619 South International, Weslaco, TX
- Considered ARMED and DANGEROUS!

On January 24, 1993, Loya committed Indecency with a Child of an 8-year-old female. He was arrested and transferred to the Hidalgo County Jail. He was arrested by the Mercedes PD for breaking and entering of a residence on November 23, 1994. In January 1999, he was registered as a sex offender but in 2000, a warrant was issued because he failed to re-register as required by law.

On July 1, 2000, Loya was arrested in Colorado under the alias of Jesus Dominguez and was charged with DUI, Forgery, Reckless Endangerment, Vehicle Theft, Obstruct Police, Resisting an Officer, and Assault. Loya escaped from the Eagle County Jail on August 22, 2000.

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### SMALL TOWN APPEAL PORTEND BIG CITY WOES

In the past 30 days our beautiful city of Belton’s denizens have been victimized by 3 Theft From an Individual, 11 Burglary Of Vehicles, and 4 Burglaries of Building or Habitation. The fact is, more and more folks are moving here where friends, our family members

and we may attend school, work, shop and/or worship in what was once, a quaint little town between the banks of the Leon River and Nolan Creek.

Considering Bell County is number 14<sup>th</sup> in rate of growth in the state, these trends, though discerning, are an unfortunate side effect of prosperity.

More disturbing, two Aggravated Robberies with Firearms occurred; one at 6:57 p.m. on December 27, 2015, in the vicinity of the 2600 block of N. Main Street, and another at 3:24 a.m. on January 1, 2016, near 900 block of Central Avenue in Belton.

Then on Thursday, the evening of January 7 at approximately 6:45 p.m., while she was attempting to load groceries in the parking lot at the Wal-Mart, a woman was robbed at gunpoint.

The perp then fled as a passenger in a newer model white Jeep Grand Cherokee.

These crimes have many similarities but the time-of-day is always a variable. The police cannot be everywhere all the time so the burden is on the citizen to report any information you may have about any crime, regardless how insignificant, and do what you can not to be a victim.

BPD has asked for help to identify the suspects connected with the Belton Wal-Mart robbery.



If you recognize this person or vehicle please contact the Belton Police Department at 254-933-5840 or text your tips to 254-217-6764. (Source: Belton Police Department Facebook)

### Robbery Is The Taking Or Attempt To Take Anything Of Value

from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear. Although thought of a “Crime of Opportunity”, the elements include: specific intent, theft from a person, by use of force or fear; there exists no statutory qualifier to meet “degree” of fear.

Nonetheless, though robbery trends toward certain settings and times, in reality, it can occur almost anywhere at anytime. The majority of robbery incidents occur where the victim is misserendipitously at the wrong place, at the wrong time. Most robbers act independently and commit their crime on one victim in less than one minute.

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Despite differing crime prevention methods depending on the setting, robbery victims are rarely injured if they don't resist.

**Contrary To Common Perception, Only 2.1% Of Robberies Are Committed Against Banks**, and only 8.3% are committed at late-night retail establishments like gas stations, or convenience stores. Though 14.3% of robberies are home invasions, the majority (44.5%) of robberies are committed against individuals on the street or in the form of carjacking.

Robbery rates vary widely from region to region, but the national per capita average has risen approximately 10% since 2005 to a rate of approximately 1.1/1000. These ratios do not seem to vary from month-to-month; however, the rate increases in August and October with February and April having the lowest rates.

Robbery is largely a big-city crime but population density, rate of growth and the urban setting make a difference in the robbery rate and crime potential. To date, the rate of robbery in Belton sets at approximately .31/1000 (pop: 19,600).

Robbers like isolation, prefer lone victims, good escape routes, and few witnesses in addition to a good cash score, the use of surprise and an extreme show of force to get victims to comply with their demands. Robbers are as scared as, and have been known to cause injury if startled by their victims that don't act appropriately or do something unexpectedly.

Comparatively, arrest rates for robbery are very low. This is because most robbers and victims are strangers and witness identification is often inadequate. An increase in video camera installations does help; however, the picture quality is often inadequate due to poor equipment maintenance and videotape rotation procedures. Color cameras and digital recorders make a big difference in picture quality and availability to the police.

**There are No Hard-And-Fast Guidelines For Crime Prevention, And How Not To Become A Victim,**

but here are some tips that can help:

- Dress down. Expensive clothing's purpose is to advertise to the general public that you are filthy stinking rich. Robbers don't have X-ray vision: they notice the attire only and guess what's in the wallet by that.
- Buff up! If you were a thief, would you go for someone wimpy or ripped? You'd go for the

person less able to defend them and avoid a nasty injury. Not only does working out make you appear harder to rob, it makes you actually harder to rob. That aside, having a sense of awareness and:

- Look sure of yourself, even if you aren't. Just exuding confidence tells a thief that you're liable to fight to get your money back. Be on constant alert, observant and circumspect. Act like you have a purpose, and keep your head on a swivel and don't tarry.

• Cover up that bling. Or, don't wear it at all. Think about it: unless you're on your way to a presentation or job interview, nobody cares about your \$500 watch or anything else expensive you might be wearing. Nobody, that is, except those with bad intentions. Save your valuables for momentous occasions or for times when there is less of a risk of getting robbed--when you're with a large group of close friends, for example. If you absolutely must--cover up that watch. Put on your new pearl earrings after you get to your destination. Nothing says "rob me" like valuables in plain sight.

- Keep a "robber's wallet." Put high value bills/notes in small plastic bag in your sock or some other safe place. Buy a cheap wallet and keep some low value currency and some fake cards in there--to make it seem less like the fake it is. If you get robbed just hand the wallet over.
- Don't flash the cash. This is even worse than displaying valuables! If you pull a \$20 out of your pocket and then another \$20 later, thieves will assume there's more where it came from.

(Source: Chris E. McGoey, CCP, CSP, CAM)

## C.E.R.T. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT; "A MARATHON, NOT A DASH, IS THE PROCESS."

It should come to no surprise to anyone that collecting and interpreting data, researching and compiling reference and source materials, then arranging all that into the format "Crawl, Walk, Run" protocol that is accessible, understandable and beneficial to the user (Woodlake Residence), is a long drawn-out process.

The concept is centered on the immediate, near future and long-term needs of the community. All this is predicated on the growth

of our and surrounding neighborhoods that share limited resources and an aging infrastructure, increasing the need for a trained Emergency Response Team (CERT) to augment First-Responders.

As not to waste anyone's time and for economy of execution, some measure of control has to be employed to manage the overall process. The course employs references provided by the American Red Cross, Ready.Gov, and F.E.M.A. in the form of vignettes and videos, and self-paced instructional slides and end-of-block/packet/phase examinations.

Phase I, "Crawl" is for everyone - to improve the knowledge or educate adult and responsible teens the basic emergency response procedures oriented on the household. Not everyone who completes phase I will be capable or willing to advance to phase II, "Walk".

Phase II is still under primary development and isn't projected to be available until mid-summer, however, the goal is to provide adequate training of willing participants with the confidence and knowledge to be prepared for the unthinkable, and to be ready to react rationally before, during and after a disaster to lend emergency medical, light search and rescue, and assist first responders.

Certification is achieved by participants of phase II to be formally trained by EMS and/or other agencies designated by LEPC.

Graduates of phase II "Walk" will qualify for phase III "Run" and the opportunity, as cadre, to train and qualify additional C.E.R.T. members.

To date, with the exception of determining how best to dispose of this portion, the "Crawl", Phase, 1<sup>st</sup> Draft has been completed. Hopefully, those documents in .PPT application will have been distributed as "Beta Version" for review and comment. Phase I first edition, is tentatively scheduled for general distribution (Version 1.2+) by the end of March 2016.

Thank you,

Woodlake Neighborhood  
Watch Coordinator