



ALAN LANNING
Chief of Police

Press Release Date: March 24, 2010
Case Number: --
Contact Person: Lt. David Bond

Telephone (619) 667-1412

Fax (619) 667-1419

Increase in Vehicle Burglaries – Updated 03-24-10

Over the course of the past month there have been a large number of car burglaries in La Mesa and the Police Department is seeking the public's help in addressing this problem.

The car burglaries have happened in areas throughout the City but the general pattern has been for a small area to be targeted and several cars burglarized during the night, typically between the late evening and early morning hours, up until sunrise. Areas that have been most frequently targeted are along Baltimore Drive north of Fletcher Parkway, Parkway Drive west of Baltimore Drive, and the residential areas around the intersection of Amaya Drive and Severin Drive. Apartment and condominium complexes, where residents do not have garage parking, have been frequent targets. Monday nights into Tuesday morning and Friday nights into Saturday morning have been the most common time frame.

The public can help in two ways. The car burglars typically break a window to gain access to the car and take items left in the car, such as laptop computers, personal electronic devices, sports equipment, or any other valuable property left in the car for the night. So first, be alert to unusual or suspicious activity, including sounds or people loitering in an area with no apparent purpose. Second, take common sense prevention measures to avoid being the victim of a car burglary. Park your car in a garage if you have access to one. If you park your car outside overnight, don't leave any items in plain view in the car, park it in a well lit area, and lock it. There is additional security and theft prevention information available on the City website.

Please report any suspicious or unusual activity immediately to the Police Department. If you believe you see someone in the act of committing a car burglary call 9-1-1.

You may also call Crime Stoppers' anonymous toll-free tip line (888) 580-TIPS (or www.sdcrimestoppers.com). You can remain anonymous, and be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to an arrest

La Mesa Police Department
8181 ALLISON AVE • LA MESA, CA 91942 • TEL: 619.667.1400 FAX: 619.466.1419

Distribution – Chief of Police City Manager Watch Commander Patrol Investigations B.O. Supervisor
B.O. Crime Analyst Other:

PRESS RELEASE

PRESS RELEASE