Updated Dec 20 2019

WCSO Police Blotter - Week of Dec 3 thru 9

Warning! This happened in the Joliet area and was on the Police Blotter:

Location: 24000 block of S. Marble Road

Summary: A male individual, in his 20's, reported that he received a phone call from a man who identified himself as 'Calvin Scott' from the Social Security Department. Scott advised the victim that he was being audited and owed the SS about \$300,000.00. The victim stated that he later received a call from a male subject who informed the victim that he worked for the FBI and again advised him he owed the same amount of money to the SS and if he did not cooperate, he would be arrested.

The victim was advised to avoid being arrested he was to make payment in gift cards with the money that he could come up with and if it was sufficient the agencies would drop the charges against him. The victim proceeded to Macy's and Target and purchased 15 gift cards. Three Ebay and one Game Stop gift card was also purchased with the total amount of cards totaling over \$7,000. The victim provided the fraudulent FBI agent with all the gift card numbers.

*NOTE TO READERS: PLEASE do not fall victim to these frauds. Government agencies do not call the public regarding money owed, nor does the FBI or other law enforcement agencies call the public to threaten arresting them for unpaid fees. If you receive any phone calls, text messages, emails, mail, stating that you owe money to the IRS, Social Security, law enforcement for an active warrant, your grandchild needing bail money in another state, or for any other reason, PLEASE do not give any personal information out, engage in conversation over the phone, or comply with their threats. Hang up the phone, take a minute and do some research of your own. Track down the actual phone number of the agency and make a few calls to verify. Scammers have become very persuasive, do not fall victim!

Updated Dec 11 2019

Really good idea using your car fob as an alarm. See below:

Put your car keys beside your bed at night.

Tell your spouse, your children, your neighbors, your parents, your Dr's office, the check-out girl at the market, everyone you run across. Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this:

It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage.

If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar/rapist won't stick around.

After a few seconds, all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that.

And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there. This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime.

This may save a life!

Updated Dec 10 2019

FRANKFORT AND NEW LENOX

11/23 Location: 500 block of Old Hickory Road New Lenox

Summary: A female victim stated that around 8:30am she observed a white SUV pull into her driveway with two male Hispanics inside. One subject exited the vehicle and asked the victim if she was home alone. The victim stated that she was. The subject told the victim that he knew her because he used to be her paperboy when he was a kid. The subject then stated that he was going to be doing some digging in the backyard for his employer and stated that he would show her where. They both walked around the house to the backyard. After the two men left, the victim realized that some gold jewelry was missing from her bedroom.

11/24 Location: 7200 block of Benton Drive Frankfort

Summary: Around 8:30pm, a delivery driver from Rich's Pizza ran into the store leaving his vehicle doors unlocked and the engine running. When he came back outside about 10 minutes later his 2014 Dodge Avenger was gone.

Updated June 4 2019

You probably have heard by now about the murder/robbery on Klemme Road near the Ridgefield Subdivision. I am sending a Will County Report that was posted on Facebook:

This is a press release from the Will County Sheriff's Department: Death Investigation

Posted by DC Dan Jungles on June 4, 2019 in General, Homicide On 06/03/2019, at approximately 10:25 AM, deputies with the Will County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the 26000 of South Klemme Road in Unincorporated Create Township in reference to a welfare check.

The relative that had contacted the Sheriff's Office had advised that the residents had not shown up to work, and were not picking up their phones. Deputies were provided access to the residence by a family member. Upon deputies making entry into the attached garage, deputies located a female victim, age 59, inside of a vehicle.

The female victim advised deputies that her husband was in the truck of the vehicle. The female victim was transported to a local area hospital and is in stable condition. The male victim, age 63, was pronounced deceased on the scene.

The female victim stated that two masked males entered her residence the previous evening for the purposes of robbing the victims.

This is an active death investigation, that is in its early stages. When appropriate, the Will County Sheriff's Office will put out additional information.

Update March 19 2019

Don't know time etc but resident on main Street Balmoral Woods Drive had their locks picked and entry (no loss) in mid afternoon today while landscapers were doing a foliage burn across the street around same time. Scary!! Resident has alarm system!! Neighbor's camera picked up footage. Culprit in dark hooded clothing in a silver car, not SUV. Will County Sheriff's vehicle on the scene while I took my walk this afternoon after occurrence.

Update February 26, 2019

please pass the word on some recent Residential Burglaries.

2/25 and 2/26 we had 2 different residential burglaries, one on Klemme and the other on Stateline. Both houses are within a mile of each other and both in Crete township, just north of Washington township. In both instances, the front doors were kicked in. One house had clear signs for an alarm, which went off and is how we were notified. Also, they ripped the screen door off the hinges, and then booted in the door. One neighbor has described seeing a possible grey ford escape. We have located a house with video footage on state line, and are waiting to get the information. Be alert, these both happened in the same time frame, between 10am and noon. Both incidents were South of Bemes and East of Klemme.

Anyone with information or that has observed suspicious activity in these time frames, please call 815-727-8575.

Sent: Saturday February 23, 2019

Schererville Police Department

Officers responded to numerous Theft From Vehicle, Suspicious Person and Suspicious Vehicle calls within the past few days. Many occurred in the area of Sky Zone and Planet Fitness, as well as in a few residential areas. Windows were broken out of some of the vehicles, and other vehicles were left unlocked.

Please let this be a reminder to you. First, if you see any type of suspicious activity in your neighborhood, or in/around any of our businesses, please notify our department by calling 911. Second, please do not leave your valuables inside your vehicle, especially cash, wallets, purses and electronic devices. Always double check that your doors are locked. If you must keep any of those items in your vehicle, lock them in your glove box or in your trunk. Better yet, leave them at home.

Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2019

I received a phone call from our Will County Sergeant. I was told that there was a rash of burglaries to UNLOCKED vehicles in the Plum Valley subdivision. Personal items were stolen, along with a car.

This happened between midnight and 5 am this morning, Jan. 29th. A car that was stolen in MI was abandoned and another car was stolen. About 5 cars had items stolen, and the items were found along the roadway.

This occurred on Plum Valley Drive.

If you have a camera on your home, you are asked to check it for anything suspicious. If you find something, then please call 708.672.5700 (non emergency number) and report it to the dispatcher. Please let the dispatcher know that our Neighborhood Watch was contacted by Sgt. J. and he asked us to call in with the information.

If you have any other information, please call 708.672.5700.

It cannot be stressed enough that you should NOT leave valuables in your car AND you should always LOCK your car. Don't make it easy for thieves to take your stuff.

Do NOT leave your garage door opener in the car. This gives thieves access to your home.

Do NOT leave your keys or key fob in your car. Don't give them easy access to your car.

Sent: Monday, June 4, 2018

Here's a follow up message I received from the Will County Sheriff's office regarding the suspicious activity in Plum Valley:

It is not uncommon for us to use the spot light at any given time while conducting extra patrols.

All of the units have been advised of the suspicious activity in the area, along with the potential for someone living in the woods. Extra patrols are being conducted.

I appreciate the help we receive from Will County Sheriff's office in keeping us safe. Please continue to report any suspicious activity to them when it happens.

911 emergency

708-672-5700 or 815-727-8575 suspicious person or vehicle

- 815-727-3263 Traffic Division 8am-4pm M-F, except holidays
- 815-774-7890 Department of Land Use, Connie Ellis
- 815-462-5633 Animal Control
- 708-672-8279 Crete Township (property damage, vacant houses with tall grass) 708-946-2026 Transportation for Seniors (Crete & Crete Township)

708-268-9583, 672-4259 Quality Welding (welded mailboxes)
