

Neighborhood Crime Watch Newsletter

APRIL 1992

PATROL DISTRICT 35, BEAT 7

The April Crime Watch meeting held at the Garland Police Station provided the following information:

The Crime statistics for our beat for February 1992 were: 1 Robbery, 1 Assault, 17 Burglary, 17 Theft, 1 unauthorized use of motor vehicle, 4 other assaults, 14 forgeries, 16 criminal mischief, and 7 disturbance and misc actions. Total of 78. This represents less than 1% of the total calls (10468) for service received by the Garland police department during February.

Losses in Garland resulting from habitation, building, and vehicle burglaries plus auto thefts totaled \$1.026 million. Auto theft alone was almost half the total.

Mail box contents are hot items now. Do not have blank checks or credit cards delivered to the mail box. Make arrangements to pick them up at the bank, store, or post office. Take bills to the post office.

Income tax refund checks are also being stolen from mail boxes and are being cashed! This could leave you in a nasty and frustrating situation with the IRS.

Do not leave any valuables in sight in your car. Closed windows are easy to smash to gain access to the valuables, auto accessories, and garage door openers.

Keep garage doors closed at all times. Lawn and sporting equipments are being stolen from open garages, even while the owners are working in the yard a short distance away. Lawn equipment is even being taken when left unattended during use while the owner takes a break inside the house. It takes only a few seconds to steal unattended equipment.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A BLACK FORD RANGER PICKUP TRUCK LICENSE 680 4YH. THIS VEHICLE HAS BEEN LINKED TO MANY AREA BURGLARIES. OCCUPANTS ARE USUALLY CAUCASIAN MALES.

Be aware of the new HEAT Program. HEAT stands for **Help Eliminate Auto Theft**. The Garland Police department, in conjunction with other North Texas law enforcement agencies, will be at the Oakridge Country Club on Saturday, 6 June, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm to pass out car window stickers and literature about this program which is designed to allow police to question why your vehicle is in use during unusual hours of the night. The target is to catch unlawful use and theft of vehicles. Stop by the OCC for more details.

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