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**HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH  
BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 6:30 pm  
Huntington Beach Police Dept.**

**Wandering: A Life-Threatening Problem in Confused Elders**

By Cordula Dick-Muehlke, Ph.D. – Executive Director, Adult Day Services of Orange County

Driving or walking away and becoming lost in familiar areas is a warning sign for Alzheimer's disease, the most common cause of confusion in the elderly. Across the course of the disease – which averages nine years – but can last as long as 25 – the individual loses memory and other cognitive abilities, becomes increasingly dependent on others for assistance, and may exhibit difficult-to-manage behaviors such as “wandering.”

In the early stages of Alzheimer's disease, the elder may become lost driving to a familiar place such as the grocery store, and, in an attempt to get home, end up in a distant city. On one recent traffic stop with a confused driver who had no identification, a police officer made multiple calls starting with one lead – the business card of a realtor in the glove compartment – to eventually reunite the individual with his caregiver. As the disease progresses, and the person becomes increasingly disoriented and confused, wandering often involves striving to find home, a favorite place, or a loved one such as an already deceased parent.

*Wandering away is life threatening*, leading in the worst cases to falls, fractures, other injuries, and death. In a study of 42 elders with Alzheimer's disease who had been reported missing, 46% of those lost for more than 24 hours were found dead (Koester & Stooksbury, 1995).

**If You Know Someone With Alzheimer's Disease**

*If you know an elder with Alzheimer's disease in your neighborhood,*

*you can help by referring the family to **Adult Day Services of Orange County, (714) 593-9630, for assistance. Located at the corner of Bushard and Indianapolis in Huntington Beach, Adult Day Services of Orange County specializes in the care of persons with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder. To help families manage the challenges of Alzheimer's disease, the center provides direct care, education, and caregiver support.***

To help ensure the timely and safe return home of individuals with Alzheimer's disease who wander, Adult Day Services of Orange County serves as an enrollment site for **Safe Return**, a nationwide identification, registration and support program of the Alzheimer's Association. As a part of Safe Return, the elder receives an identification bracelet or necklace, clothing labels, and wallet cards, all inscribed with an alert that the wearer is memory-impaired and a 24-hour, toll-free crisis line number. Similar caregiver identification products are available, with the toll-free number and an alert to look after the individual if the caregiver is incapacitated. At Adult Day Services of Orange County, a staff member helps the caregiver complete the Safe Return registration form and takes a required photo of the memory-impaired individual. Once submitted, this information is entered in a national Alzheimer's Association database and, if necessary, can be distributed to law enforcement throughout the country via a fax alert system. When a lost elder is found, a citizen or law enforcement officer can call the toll-free number and Safe Return staff will reunite the family. While scholarship funds last, the Alzheimer's Association is waiving the standard \$40 Safe Return registration fee. *To learn more about Adult Day Services of Orange County or register a loved one for Safe Return, contact Celine Keeble at (714) 593-9630.*

**What To Do If You Encounter a Lost, Confused Elder**

If you encounter a confused, lost older adult in your neighborhood, don't turn away scared.

Your help is critical to ensuring that the individual is returned to safety uninjured.

**Elder is cooperative, receptive to help, not injured, and able to show you identification**

- If a phone number is available, call the caregiver to pick up the person and wait until help arrives
- If only an address is available, accompany the person home, if possible, and leave there only if a responsible party is present
- If there is no caregiver at home, or you cannot provide assistance, contact emergency personnel and wait with the elder until help arrives



**Elder is injured, scared, uncooperative, or unable to communicate**

- Contact emergency personnel for assistance immediately
- Wait with or near the person to ensure safety

**In all situations with a lost, confused elder**

- Approach from the front and maintain eye contact
- Initiate conversation in a friendly manner (i.e., smile, positive greeting)
- Speak slowly; use simple words and short sentences
- Respond to underlying feelings (e.g., if person appears fearful, reassure)
- Avoid challenging, contradicting or correcting the person
- Build rapport by talking about topics related to the past (e.g., World War II)
- Ask for identification in a manner consistent with the person's goal (e.g., trying to get home)
- **Refer the caregiver to Adult Day Services of Orange County for assistance and Safe Return registration, (714) 593-9630**

HBI—CRIME FIGHTER IN THE SKY



The end of 2005 continued to be active for the Air Unit. Strong performances by crewmembers resulted in a number of arrests.

Officers Catalano and Wersching responded to assist one of our motor units attempting to stop a reckless driver. The vehicle was N/B on Beach in the S/B lanes nearly colliding with on coming vehicles, including a gasoline tanker truck. HBI was able to back units off until the suspect stopped and ran from the vehicle. Officer Wersching directed ground units to the suspect who was taken into custody.

Officers Reed and McNaughton responded to a hit and run in the area of Warner and Algonquin. Officer McNaughton observed a possible suspect vehicle in the area of Springdale and Warner and directed units. The driver of the vehicle was confirmed to be the hit and run suspect and was ultimately arrested for DUI as well as hit and run. This was one of 4 DUI arrests made by helicopter crews.

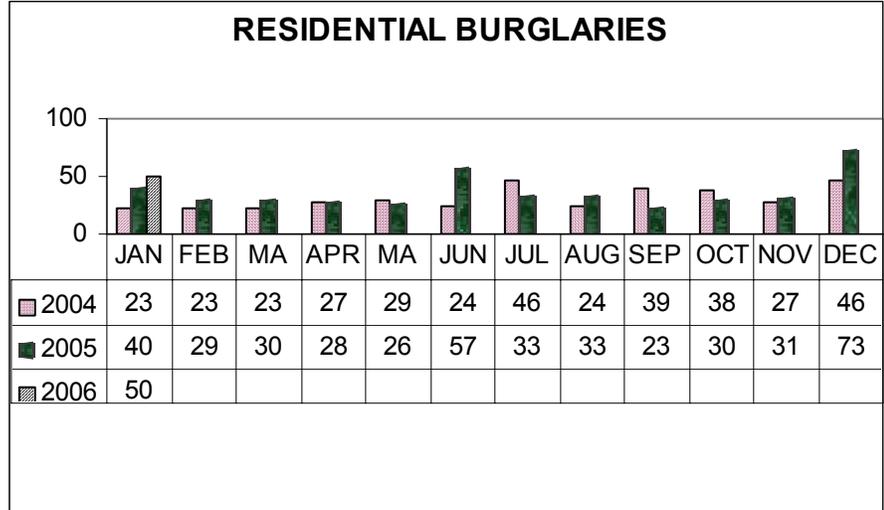
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*Sad news. Cathy Stan, a board member/speaker for 25 years, passed away on January 22<sup>nd</sup> from a long-term illness. We will miss her and her involvement in the community*

**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES GRAND THEFT AUTOS**

The police patrol areas are the north and south. The patrol beats are 2-13. Your RD (Reporting District) is the half-mile square surrounding your home.

To locate your Beat and RD, please check the map on the back inside page. In most cases, your BEAT/RD is identified on your address-mailing label.

**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES**  
**50 REPORTED IN JANUARY**  
**73 REPORTED IN DECEMBER**

Eighteen of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors, or 36% of the entries reported.

Further breakdown reveals 10 garage entries out of 31 burglaries, or 20% of the entries reported in November.

Twenty-nine of the entries reported to have occurred during daytime (6:00 am. to 6:00 pm.). Twenty-one entries occurred during night (6:00 pm. to 6:00 am.).

There were two window smashes, twelve entries by force or pry tool, seven attempts without entry, five entries by unknown means, two entries by passkeys with “house up for sale” (lockbox missing), one entry with “house under construction-open), one entry by unknown means-“house for sale”, one entry by passkey, and one entry thru a “dog door”.

**VEHICLE BURGLARIES**  
**107 REPORTED IN JANUARY**  
**76 REPORTED IN DECEMBER**

**GRAND THEFT AUTOS**  
**52 REPORTED IN JANUARY**  
**54 REPORTED IN DECEMBER**

**BEAT 2**

- 3 Residential Burglaries
- 3 Vehicle Burglaries
- 2 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries  
 RD 475 – 1      RD 476 - 2

Streets: Banning, Brookhurst and Hamilton. **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN DOOR.** One entry by force, one

attempt without entry. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries  
 RD 467 – 1      RD 474 – 1  
 RD 476 – 1

Grand Theft Autos  
 RD 466 - 1      RD 475 - 1

**BEAT 3**

- 3 Residential Burglaries
- 1 Vehicle Burglary
- 2 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries  
 RD 445 – 1      RD 447 – 1  
 RD 455 – 1

Streets: Harbor Isle, Stoneybrook and Kelvin. **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One attempt without entry. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries  
 RD 445 – 1  
Grand Theft Autos  
 RD 454 – 2

**BEAT 4**

- 12 Residential Burglaries
- 2 Vehicle Burglaries
- 4 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries  
 RD 432 – 3      RD 442 – 3  
 RD 452 – 2      RD 462 – 3  
 RD 463 – 1

Streets: Delaware, California, Hartford, Beach, Indianapolis, Chesterbrook, two entries each on Florida, Huntington and Waterfall. **FIVE ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** Five entries by force or pry tool, one entry by unknown means, one entry by a passkey with “house for sale” (lockbox missing). There were three garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries  
 RD 432 – 2

Grand Theft Autos  
 RD 442 - 2      RD 452 – 1  
 RD 463 – 1

**BEAT 5**

- 2 Residential Burglaries
- 8 Vehicle Burglaries
- 1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries  
 RD 426 – 1      RD 436 – 1

Streets: Velardo and Constitution. **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW OR DOOR.** One entry by force or pry tool. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries  
 RD 425 – 1      RD 436 – 6  
 RD 437 – 1

Grand Theft Autos  
 RD 427 – 1

**BEAT 6**

- 1 Residential Burglary
- 14 Vehicle Burglaires
- 4 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries  
 RD 349 – 1

Streets: 21<sup>st</sup> St. with entry by a passkey with “house for sale” (lockbox missing). There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries  
 RD 318 – 1      RD 327 – 2  
 RD 348 – 3      RD 349 – 1  
 RD 359 – 3      RD 441 – 1  
 RD 451 – 3  
Grand Theft Autos  
 RD 318 – 1      RD 359 - 1  
 RD 441 – 1      RD 451 – 1

**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTOS**

**BEAT 7**

**3 Residential Burglaries**  
**3 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**4 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries  
 RD 293 - 1      RD 413 - 1  
 RD 422 - 1

Streets : Newland, Smokewood and Florida. **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One entry by force or pry tool. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries  
 RD 411 - 2      RD 412 - 1

Grand Theft Autos  
 RD 319 - 1      RD 412 - 1  
 RD 413 - 1      RD 423 - 1

**BEAT 8**

**2 Residential Burglaries**  
**14 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**1 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries  
 RD 178 - 1      RD 179 - 1

Streets: Taurus and Evergreen. **ONE ENTRY BY AN UNLOCKED DOOR.** One attempt without entry. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries  
 RD 176 - 1      RD 178 - 2  
 RD 179 - 8      RD 198 - 2  
 RD 199 - 1

Grand Theft Autos  
 RD 179 - 1

**BEAT 9**

**8 Residential Burglaries**  
**14 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**9 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries  
 RD 264 - 1      RD 271 - 1  
 RD 272 - 2      RD 273 - 3  
 RD 282 - 1

Streets: Rockcreek, Duelo, Queens, Cypress, Holland, Newman and two entries on Valencia. **FIVE ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One entry by force, two entries by window

smash. There was one garage entry. Suspect in Newman window smash entry arrested.

Vehicle Burglaries  
 RD 263 - 2      RD 264 - 1  
 RD 272 - 4      RD 282 - 4  
 RD 283 - 3  
Grand Theft Autos  
 RD 263 - 1      RD 272 - 7  
 RD 273 - 1

**BEAT 10**

**9 Residential Burglaries**  
**9 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**4 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries  
 RD 152 - 1      RD 153 - 3  
 RD 163 - 1      RD 164 - 1  
 RD 165 - 1      RD 174 - 1  
 RD 175 - 1

Streets: Bounty, Rascal, Aruba, Bonaire, Blue Water, Outrigger, Arena, Courtney and Sims. One entry by unknown means, one entry with house “under construction”, three attempts without entry, one entry by unknown means with house “for sale”, one entry by passkey, two entries by force. There were four garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries  
 RD 155 - 1      RD 162 - 2  
 RD 164 - 2      RD 165 - 2  
 RD 175 - 2

Grand Theft Autos  
 RD 165 - 4

**BEAT 11**

**0 Residential Burglaries**  
**4 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**3 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries  
 None

Vehicle Burglaries  
 RD 156 - 1      RD 157 - 1  
 RD 158 - 1      RD 169 - 1  
Grand Theft Autos  
 RD 157 - 2      RD 166 - 1

**BEAT 12**

**5 Residential Burglaries**  
**12 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**7 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries  
 RD 128 - 3      RD 139 - 2

Streets: Larkspur, Victoria, Oxford(three suspects arrested, maybe responsible for other burglaries in area), two entries on Mar Vista. **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WIINDOW.** Two entries by unknown means, one entry thru a “dog door”, one attempt without entry. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries  
 RD 126 - 1      RD 128 - 1  
 RD 136 - 1      RD 137 - 1  
 RD 138 - 2      RD 139 - 1  
 RD 146 - 1      RD 147 - 4  
Grand Theft Autos  
 RD 117 - 1      RD 126 - 1  
 RD 138 - 1      RD 139 - 1  
 RD 147 - 2      RD 148 - 1

**BEAT 13**

**2 Residential Burglaries**  
**23 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**11 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries  
 RD 252 - 1      RD 261 - 1

Streets: Sher and Toulouse. One entry by unknown means and one entry by force. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries  
 RD 241 - 1      RD 242 - 4  
 RD 252 - 5      RD 253 - 4  
 RD 261 - 1      RD 262 - 8

Grand Theft Autos  
 RD 232 - 1      RD 241 - 2  
 RD 242 - 2      RD 252 - 2  
 RD 253 - 1      RD 261 - 2  
 RD 262 - 1

**The Retired Senior Volunteer Program can check your house while your on vacation, call 374-1507 a week in advance.**



