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WATCH  
NEWSLETTER**



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**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH  
NEW YEAR REMINDERS**

1. Always close and lock all windows and doors including garage doors when you leave your home and retire for the night.
2. Talk you your neighbors about having a Neighborhood Watch meeting. If you haven't had one in two years or more, it's time.
3. Send in your postage donation for 2007.
4. Subscribe to receive your newsletter online if you have a computer.
5. Remember not to leave valuables in your car even if it is in the garage.



**To Receive Your Newsletter Online:**

Please send your e-mail to:  
[swajda@hbpd.org](mailto:swajda@hbpd.org)

**HB Neighborhood Watch  
BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
6:30 pm**

**Huntington Beach Police Dept. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Conference Room**

**It's Time for Your 2007 Postage Donation**

Happy New Year! Another year is starting, which means it is time to send a postage donation to cover this year's newsletter mailing expense. We project we will need \$20,000 again this year to cover the newsletter postage. With your donation and support of the advertisers, we hope to continue to mail the newsletter to you.



We need a \$4 donation from every subscriber to pay the postage for an entire year. If you contribute \$5 or more, your name will be published in the newsletter as a contributor. If you donate \$20 or more, you will receive a Neighborhood Watch sticker and a Surf City key chain to thank you for your support.

The newsletter is the Police Department's communication tool to inform you about crime statistics and crime prevention issues. It is the key that has kept the Huntington Beach Neighborhood Watch Program alive. Each month when you receive the newsletter, you are reminded about your obligation to keep your neighborhood safe and to call when you see suspicious activity. When you review the newsletter's burglary section to see what kind of activity is happening in your neighborhood, you are reminded to be careful about closing and locking your doors and windows. These subtle reminders have helped keep our burglary rate at an all time low and our city safe. Help us continue to be able to communicate with you and support the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Send your postage donation in as soon as you can. Make your check out to: Huntington Beach Neighborhood Watch and send to: Neighborhood Watch Newsletter, P.O. Box 5667, Huntington Beach, CA 92615. Or Huntington Beach Police Department, Attn: Neighborhood Watch, 2000 Main St., Huntington Beach, CA 92648.

Remember, your donation is tax deductible. A very special thank you to all of our contributors who supported the newsletter in 2006.



## FIGHTING BACK AGAINST IDENTITY THEFT



### COMMON WAYS ID THEFT HAPPENS:

Skilled identity thieves use a variety of methods to steal your personal information, including:

1. **Dumpster Diving.** They rummage through trash looking for bills or other paper with your personal information on it.
2. **Skimming.** They steal credit/debit card numbers by using a special storage device when processing your card.
3. **Phishing.** They pretend to be financial institutions or companies and send spam or pop-up messages to get you to reveal your personal information.
4. **Changing Your Address.** They divert your billing statements to another location by completing a "change of address" form.
5. **"Old-Fashioned" Stealing.** They steal wallets and purses; mail, including bank and credit card statements; pre-approved credit offers; and new checks or tax information. They steal personnel records from their employers, or bribe employees who have access.

### DETER

Identity theft is a serious crime. It occurs when your personal information is stolen and used without your knowledge to commit fraud or other crimes. Identity theft can cost you time and money. It can destroy your credit and ruin your good name.

**Deter identity thieves by safeguarding your information.**

- Shred financial documents and paperwork with personal information before you discard them.
- Protect your Social Security number. Don't carry your Social Security card in your wallet or write your Social Security number on a check. Give it out only if absolutely necessary or ask to use another identifier.
- Don't give out personal information on the phone, through the mail, or over the Internet unless you know who you are dealing with.
- Never click on links sent in unsolicited emails; instead, type in a web address you know. Use firewalls, anti-spyware, and anti-virus software to protect your home computer; keep them up-to-date. Visit OnGuardOnline.gov for more information.
- Don't use an obvious password like your birth date, your mother's maiden name, or the last four digits of your Social Security number.
- Keep your personal information in a secure place at home, especially if you have roommates, employ outside help, or are having work done in your house.

### DETECT

**Detect suspicious activity by routinely monitoring your financial accounts and billing statements.**

**Be alert to signs that require immediate attention:**

- Bills that do not arrive as expected

- Unexpected credit cards or account statements
- Denials of credit for no apparent reason
- Calls or letters about purchases you did not make

**Inspect:**

- **Your credit report.** Credit reports contain information about you, including what accounts you have and your bill paying history.
  - The law requires the major nationwide consumer reporting companies—Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion—to give you a free copy of your credit report each year if you ask for it.
  - Visit [www.AnnualCreditReport.com](http://www.AnnualCreditReport.com) or call 1-877-322-8228, a service created by these three companies, to order your free credit reports each year. You also can write: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281.
- **Your financial statements.** Review financial accounts and billing statements regularly, looking for charges you did not make.

### DEFEND

**Defend against ID theft as soon as you suspect it.**

- Place a "Fraud Alert" on your credit reports, and review the reports carefully. The alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures before they open new accounts in your name or make changes to your existing accounts. The three nationwide consumer reporting companies have toll-free numbers for placing an initial 90-day fraud alert; a call to one company is sufficient:
  - Equifax:** 1-800-525-6285
  - Experian:** 1-888-EXPERIAN (397-3742)
  - TransUnion:** 1-800-680-7289

Placing a fraud alert entitles you to free copies of your credit reports. Look for inquiries from companies you haven't contacted, accounts you didn't open, and debts on your accounts that you can't explain.

- **Close accounts.** Close any accounts that have been tampered with or established fraudulently. Call the security or fraud departments of each company where an account was opened or changed without your okay. Follow up in writing, with copies of supporting documents.
  - Use the ID Theft Affidavit at [ftc.gov/idtheft](http://ftc.gov/idtheft) to support your written statement.
  - Ask for verification that the disputed account has been closed and the fraudulent debts discharged.
  - Keep copies of documents and records of your conversations about the theft.
- **File a police report.** File a report with law enforcement officials to help you with creditors who may want proof of the crime.
- **Report the theft to the Federal Trade Commission.** Your report helps law enforcement officials across the country in their investigations.

**Online:** [ftc.gov/idtheft](http://ftc.gov/idtheft)

**By phone:** 1-877-ID-THEFT (438-4338) or TTY, 1-866-653-4261

**By mail:** Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580

**HB1—CRIME  
FIGHTER  
IN THE SKY**



November saw a slight increase in activity supporting ground units and a sharp increase (150%) in DUI's as reported by HB-1 crews.

On November 1<sup>st</sup> Officers Reed and Paholski located an auto burglary suspect ¾ of a mile away from the crime scene off PCH/Bluffs. The suspect tried hiding from them in a porta-poddy, but units were directed to him and he was taken into custody with the stolen property.

On November 4<sup>th</sup> Officers Reed and Paholski assisted Westminster PD with a purse snatch investigation after scanning their frequency. They located two suspects who split up and ran in opposite directions. They directed WPD officers to the location of one suspect who was taken into custody.

On November 8<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. Tallman and Officer Garwood were assisting ground units in looking for a parolee-at-large last seen using the flood control channel as an escape route in the area of Springdale/Warner. The suspect was forced to hide under the Springdale bridge to escape detection and was found by Officer Pham. HB-1 directed units to assist with the arrest.

On November 19<sup>th</sup> Officers McNaughton and Wersching located taggers spray-painting walls in the area of 18292 Enterprise. Units were directed to them and they were taken into custody with 13 cans of paint.

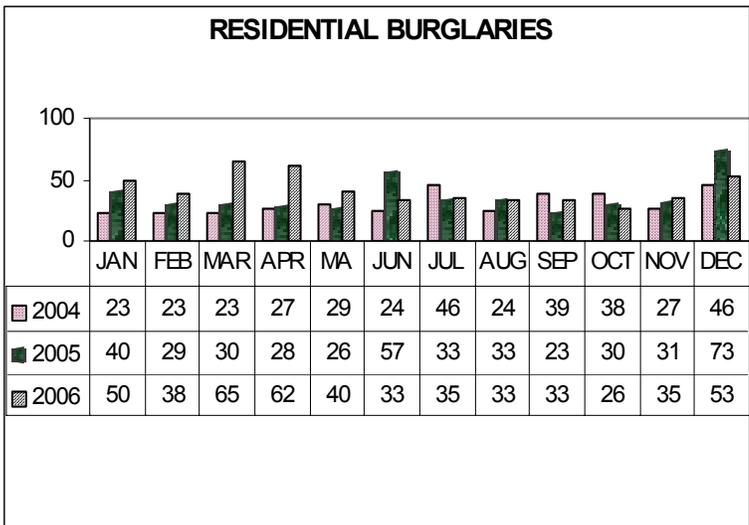
On November 29<sup>th</sup> Officers Reed and Paholski located two fleeing armed robbery suspects in the area of Bolsa Chica/Heil. Two suspects were taken into custody but the weapon was not recovered.

On November 30<sup>th</sup> Officers Reed and Paholski participated in the SWAT callout on Cornell to assist taking the carjack suspect into custody. Reed flew 7 hours that day, 5 hours continuous with short refueling breaks.

All crews contributed in locating a total of 5 DUI's at various parts of the City, and at all hours of the day.

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**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**

**53 entries in December  
35 entries in November**

Twenty-one of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors, or 40% of the entries reported.

Further breakdown reveals 12 garage entries out of 53 burglaries, or 23% of the entries reported in December.

Thirty-two of the entries reported 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 four window smash entries reported, eight entries were by unknown means, two attempts without entry, six entries by passkeys, eleven entries were by force or pry tool, one entry by force with a glass cutter.

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**VEHICLE BURGLARIES**

**92 ENTRIES IN DECEMBER  
76 IN NOVEMBER**

**GRAND THEFT AUTOS**

**57 ENTRIES IN DECEMBER  
55 ENTRIES IN NOVEMBER**

**BEAT 2**

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

Residential Burglaries

**None**  
Streets: None

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 466 - 1 RD 476 - 1**

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 477 - 1**

**BEAT 3**

**4 Residential Burglaries  
3 Vehicle Burglaries  
1 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 455 - 3 RD 456 - 1**

Streets: Brookdale, Fireside, Westcliff and Erskine. **THREE ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One entry by unknown means. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 444 - 1 RD 454 - 1  
RD 455 - 1**

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 445 - 1**

**BEAT 4**

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

Residential Burglaries

**RD 442 - 3 RD 452 - 3  
RD 462 - 1 RD 463 - 1**

Streets: Alonda, Florida, Huntington, California, Generva, Cieza, Lomond and Frankfort. **FIVE ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One entry by a window smash, one attempt without entry, one entry by a passkey. There were two garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 432 - 4 RD 442 - 2  
RD 452 - 1 RD 463 - 2**

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 432 - 3 RD 462 - 1  
RD 463 - 1 RD 473 - 2**

**BEAT 5**

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

Residential Burglaries

**RD 425 - 1 RD 426 - 1  
RD 436 - 1**

Streets: Litchfield, Salmon and Pettswood. **ONE ENTRY BY A OPEN WINDOW OR DOOR.** One entry by a passkey and one entry by force. There were no garage entries. Poss. suspect and vehicle seen in Salmon entry: Male Hispanic, early 20's, approx. 5'7", very thin build, wearing baseball cap, very baggy black and white plaid short pants, white socks pulled up to knees, gray backpack. Vehicle: Black BMW, late 90's, lowered with chrome rims, dark tint windows, front bumper had a wind guard.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 435 - 1 RD 436 - 1**

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 434 - 2 RD 435 - 1**

**BEAT 6**

**8 Residential Burglaries  
19 Vehicle Burglaries  
3 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 348 - 1 RD 349 - 3  
RD 359 - 2 RD 431 - 1  
RD 451 - 1**

Streets: 21<sup>st</sup> St., 16<sup>th</sup> St., 19<sup>th</sup> St., 13<sup>th</sup> St., Lake, 8<sup>th</sup> St., two entries on 15<sup>th</sup> St. **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One entry by force with a possible glass cutter, two entries by passkeys, three entries by unknown means. There were two garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 327 - 2 RD 329 - 2  
RD 348 - 2 RD 349 - 2  
RD 359 - 1 RD 431 - 1  
RD 441 - 2 RD 451 - 7**

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 431 - 1 RD 451 - 2**

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

**BEAT 7**

7 Residential Burglaries  
 1 Vehicle Burglary  
 10 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries  
 RD 412 - 1      RD 413 - 6

Streets: Garfield, Ellis, Demion, Libra and three entries on Valley. **ONE ENTRY BY AN UNLOCKED OR OPEN WINDOW OR DOOR.** One entry by a passkey, four entries by force or pry tool, one entry by unknown means. There were four garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries  
 RD 422 - 1

Grand Theft Autos  
 RD 292 - 3      RD 412 - 3  
 RD 413 - 1      RD 422 - 2  
 RD 423 - 1

**BEAT 8**

5 Residential Burglaries  
 5 Vehicle Burglaries  
 2 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries  
 RD 179 - 1      RD 197 - 1  
 RD 198 - 3

Streets: Warner, Carbeck, Jasonwood, Twinford and Norbrook. Two entries by force or pry tool, two entries by unknown means and one entry by a passkey. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries  
 RD 176 - 2      RD 177 - 1  
 RD 178 - 1      RD 281 - 1

Grand Theft Autos  
 RD 176 - 1      RD 187 - 1

**BEAT 9**

5 Residential Burglaries  
 8 Vehicle Burglaries  
 10 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries  
 RD 263 - 1      RD 264 - 1  
 RD 273 - 1      RD 283 - 1

Streets: Hart, Lucia, Newland, Hague and Waite. **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** Two entries by force or pry tool, one entry by unknown means. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries  
 RD 264 - 1      RD 271 - 1  
 RD 272 - 3      RD 282 - 2  
 RD 283 - 1

Grand Theft Autos  
 RD 263 - 1      RD 272 - 3  
 RD 282 - 3      RD 283 - 3

**BEAT 10**

6 Residential Burglaries  
 11 Vehicle Burglaries  
 9 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries  
 RD 165 - 4      RD 173 - 1  
 RD 174 - 1

Streets: Cielo, Grunion, Warner, Lynn, Pacific Coast Hwy., and Courtney. **THREE ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** Two entries by force or pry tool and one entry by a window smash. There were two garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries  
 RD 153 - 5      RD 165 - 3  
 RD 173 - 1      RD 175 - 2

Grand Theft Autos  
 RD 153 - 1      RD 154 - 2  
 RD 155 - 1      RD 164 - 2  
 RD 165 - 3

**BEAT 11**

1 Residential Burglary  
 5 Vehicle Burglaries  
 1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries  
 RD 169 - 1

Streets: Warner. Entry by a window smash. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries  
 RD 158 - 1      RD 159 - 1  
 RD 166 - 2      RD 169 - 1

Grand Theft Autos  
 RD 168 - 1

**BEAT 12**

0 Residential Burglaries  
 9 Vehicle Burglaries  
 3 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries  
 None

Street: None

Vehicle Burglaries  
 RD 136 - 3      RD 137 - 1  
 RD 138 - 1      RD 147 - 3  
 RD 148 - 1

Grand Theft Autos  
 RD 136 - 2      RD 138 - 1

**BEAT 13**

6 Residential Burglaries  
 18 Vehicle Burglaries  
 7 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries  
 RD 252 - 2      RD 253 - 1  
 RD 262 - 3

Streets: Stark, Alhambra, Edinger, Tiber, Rhine and Viewpoint. **FOUR ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One entry by a window smash, and one attempt without entry. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries  
 RD 242 - 5      RD 252 - 1  
 RD 253 - 7      RD 262 - 5

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

**USE A LEASH!**

**KEEPING YOUR PET LICENSED . . .**

**is the best way to keep your dog safe.**

Animal Care Services also recommends having a microchip implanted in your pet



which can serve as a permanent, secondary ID in case your pet's collar/license tag is lost. Pet licensing is available on-line at [www.ocpetinfo.com/petlicen.htm](http://www.ocpetinfo.com/petlicen.htm)

**KEEPING YOUR DOG LEASHED . . .**

**is the best way to be a good neighbor.**

A leash prevents your pet from trespassing on your neighbor's property. It will also keep your pet from jumping on children or adults and possibly inflicting injury. Anytime you take your dog off your private property, it must be on a leash. Violations of this ordinance could result in citations and fines.

**Animal Care Services (ACS) also recommends spaying and neutering of all dogs and cats.**

Spayed female dogs and cats are less likely to develop uterine or ovarian cancers. Neutered dogs and cats are less likely to develop prostate disorders/cancer. Spayed and neutered pets are less likely to bite, whereas unaltered animals often exhibit more aggressive behavior. There are many resources available for low cost spay and neuter surgery clinics. For more information on where to find a low-cost clinic near you, please call Animal Care Services. Veterinarians and humane groups agree that spaying/neutering pets improves your pet's quality of life.

**The Do's and Don'ts of Responsible Pet Ownership**

**DO ...**

- Invest in basic positive reinforcement training classes for your dog. The more effort you put into your animal, the better pet you will have over the years.
- Protect the health of your pet. Make sure they have vaccinations on a regular basis.
- Have an Orange County license tag attached to your pet's collar.
- Take a plastic bag when you walk your dog and clean up after them.

**DON'T ...**

- Let your pet roam the neighborhood, disturbing your neighbors and possibly damaging private property.
- Let your dog bark or howl excessively.
- Teach your dog to be aggressive to people. A dog's nature is to protect you and your property. Going too far in attempting to develop these natural instincts may create serious problems.
- Let your dog lunge at, jump on, or frighten passersby, mailcarriers, or service people.

**Web Site: [ocpetinfo.com](http://ocpetinfo.com)**

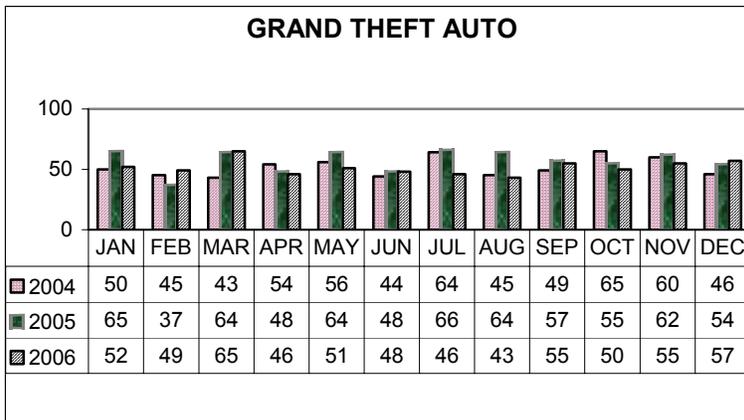
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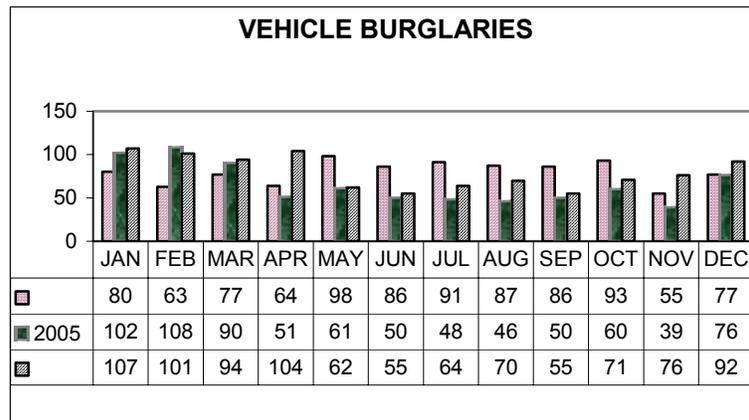
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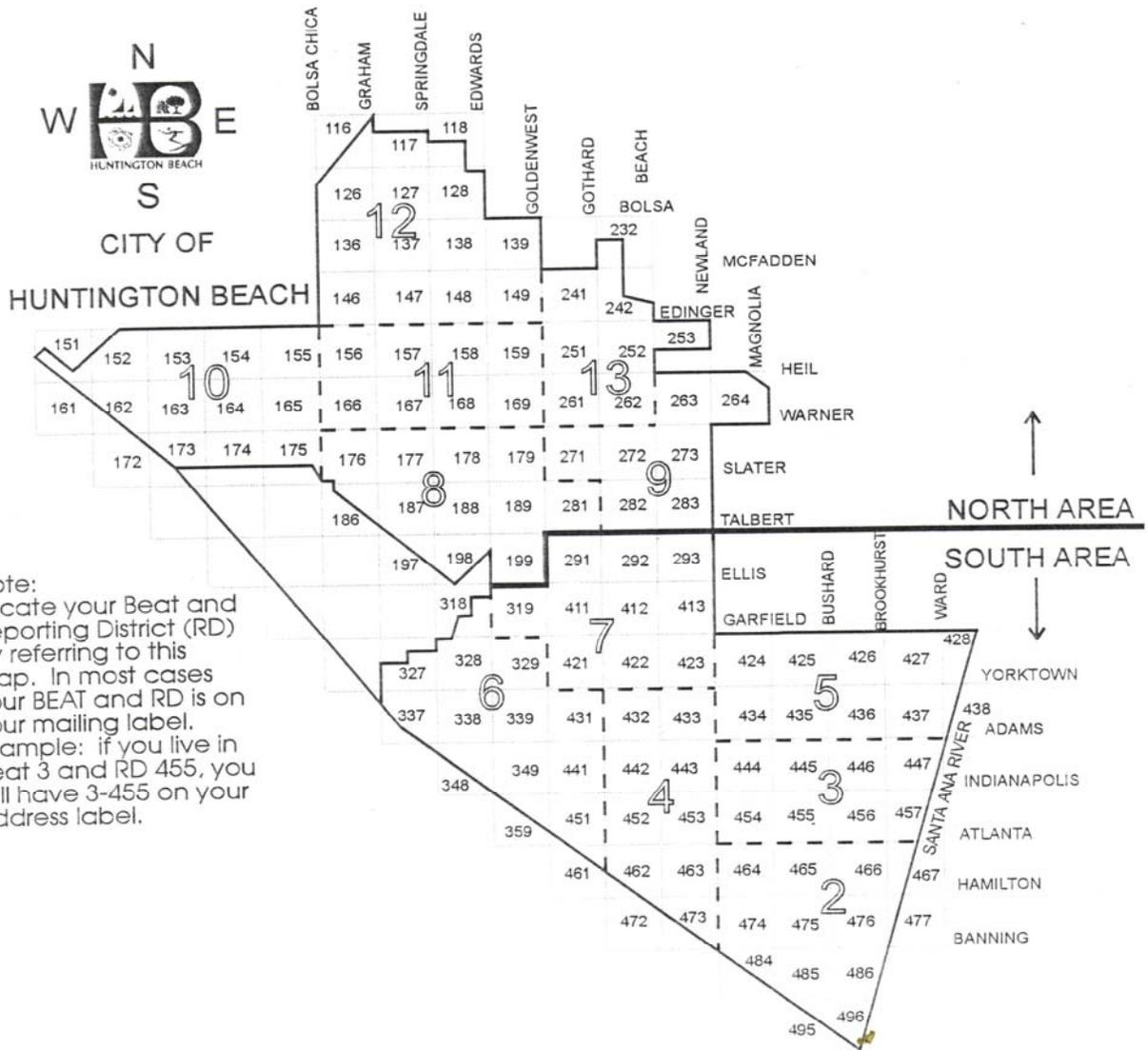
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**GRAND THEFT AUTO**



**VEHICLE BURGLARIES**





Note:  
 Locate your Beat and Reporting District (RD) by referring to this map. In most cases your BEAT and RD is on your mailing label.  
 Example: if you live in Beat 3 and RD 455, you will have 3-455 on your address label.