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**Neighborhood Watch Board Meeting  
Tuesday, April 11, 2006 at 6:30PM**

**Telemarketing Fraud Against Seniors**

**By Detective Aaron Smith, Bunco/Fraud Unit**

According to the Alliance Against Fraud in Telemarketing and Electronic Commerce, people 60 years of age and older accounted for 26 percent of telemarketing fraud victims. However, the group showed significantly higher representation in certain categories, such as prizes and sweepstakes, where they accounted for 60 percent of the victims. According to the National Consumers League, illegal telemarketing operations bilk U.S. citizens out of at least \$40 billion annually. A significant number of illegal contest and prize scams originate in Canada. Mail fraud complaints are up 27 percent, according to the Postal Inspection Service. Older people are frequent targets of fraudulent telemarketers. These are some of the reasons why:



***IT IS HARD TO TELL IF A CALLER IS LEGITIMATE.***

Good salespeople are convincing and so are crooks.

***IT IS HARD TO HANG UP.*** Many people feel that it's impolite to hang up on callers. And swindlers know how to take control of the conversation, either by pretending to be very friendly or by using bullying tactics.

***SENIOR CITIZENS ARE TARGETED RELENTLESSLY.***

Some older people get more than 20 calls a day from scam artists – the same ones trying to wear them down, or ones who know they've been victimized before and think they're vulnerable.

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***WE ALL WANT TO BELIEVE.*** Who doesn't want to win a valuable prize or strike it rich on an investment? People want to believe that it's their lucky day, and may react with anger or suspicion when friends or family question their optimism.

***IT'S HARD TO HANG UP ON PEOPLE*** – especially when the caller sounds so polite and friendly. But people wouldn't let strangers into their homes or accept rides from someone they didn't know. So, they should handle telephone calls from strangers the same way.

***WHAT SENIORS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT TELEMARKETING FRAUD***

- Illegal telemarketing is a crime, and that fraudulent telemarketers are criminals.
- The FBI reports that there are an estimated 14,000 illegal telemarketing operations bilking consumers every day.
- As much as \$40 billion per year is lost to fraudulent telemarketers.
- You can't tell by the tone of someone's voice if the caller is legitimate.
- Legitimate companies don't pressure people into sending money immediately.
- It's illegal for contests or sweepstakes to require payment to enter or claim a prize.
- Legitimate marketers are willing to send written information about the products or services they're selling.
- Giving money to a fraudulent telemarketer usually means losing it forever.
- Reporting suspected telemarketing crime is essential to stop it.



***AND THEY NEED TO KNOW*** they can protect themselves from being targets of fraud by:

- Telling the caller that they want to check it out and asking for a number to call back. If the caller refuses to give the number or insists on an immediate decision, it's a "red flag of fraud."
- Call the Huntington Beach Police Department at (714) 960-8811 or the NCL's National Fraud Information Center at (800) 876-7060.

**WARNING SIGNS THAT AN ELDERLY PERSON MAY BE A TARGET OF FRAUD:**



**If an older person is:**

- Receiving lots of junk mail for contest, "free" trips, prizes and sweepstakes.
- Getting frequent calls from strangers offering valuable awards or great money-making opportunities, or asking for charitable contributions.
- Making repeated and/or large payments to out-of-state companies.
- Having payments picked up by private courier services.
- Receiving lots of cheap items such as costume jewelry, small appliances, pens and pencils, beauty products, water filters, etc. (often purchased in order to win supposedly valuable prizes, or these were the prizes that they got).
- Getting calls from organizations offering to recover money that they have paid to telemarketers, for a fee.

**Then, he or she may be a target of fraud.**

**If you have been a victim of a telemarketer, please Contact Huntington Beach Police Department, Bunco/Fraud Unit, Detective Aaron Smith (714) 536-5951.**





**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**  
**38 REPORTED IN FEBRUARY**  
**50 REPORTED IN JANUARY**

Fourteen of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors, or 37% of the entries reported.

Further breakdown reveals 8 garage entries out of 38 burglaries, or 21% of the entries reported in February.

Nineteen of the entries were reported to have occurred during daytime (6:00 am. to 6:00 pm.).Nineteen entries occurred during night (6:00 pm. to 6:00 am.).

There were four attempts without entry, Thirteen entries were by force or pry tool, five entries were by unknown means, one entry was by a passkey, one entry by a window smash.

**VEHICLE BURGLARIES**  
**101 REPORTED IN FEBRUARY**  
**107 REPORTED IN JANUARY**

**GRAND THEFT AUTOS**  
**49 REPORTED IN FEBRUARY**  
**52 REPORTED IN JANUARY**

**BEAT 2**

**0 Residential Burglaries**  
**5 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**0 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries  
**None**

Streets: None

Vehicle Burglaries  
**RD 465 – 3      RD 476 – 2**

Grand Theft Autos  
**None**

**BEAT 3**

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

Residential Burglaries  
**None**

Streets: None

Vehicle Burglaries  
**RD 445 – 1      RD 447 – 1**  
**RD 457 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos  
**RD 447 – 2**

**BEAT 4**

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

Residential Burglaries  
**RD 432 – 2      RD 433 – 1**  
**RD 442 – 3      RD 443 – 1**  
**RD 452 – 1**

Streets: Alsuna, Edgewood, Huntington, Oswego, Malloy, Beachcomber, two entries on Florida. **FOUR ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED DOORS OR WINDOWS.** One attempt without entry, one entry by force, and two entries by unknown means. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries  
**RD 432 – 3      RD 442 – 2**  
**RD 443 – 1      RD 452 – 2**  
**RD 462 – 1      RD 463 – 4**  
**RD 472 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos  
**RD 432 - 2      RD 452 – 2**  
**RD 463 – 1**

**BEAT 5**

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

Residential Burglaries  
**RD 425 – 1**

Street: Waterbury  
**ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW OR DOOR.** There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries  
**RD 425 – 2      RD 426 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos  
**RD 425 – 1**

**BEAT 6**

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

Residential Burglaries  
**RD 328 – 1      RD 339 – 2**  
**RD 359 – 3      RD 451 – 1**

Streets: Foxdale, Surfbreaker, Scenic Bay, Pecan and three entries on 11<sup>th</sup> St.(all three were under construction). **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS.** One entry by unknown means, four entries by pry or force. There were two garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries  
**RD 348 – 3      RD 359 – 1**  
**RD 451 – 5**

Grand Theft Autos  
**RD 441 – 1      RD 451 – 4**

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTOS

**BEAT 7**

7 Residential Burglaries  
6 Vehicle Burglaries  
3 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 292 – 1      RD 412 – 3  
RD 422 – 3

Streets: Ontario, Delaware, Clay, Sunray, Huntington and two entries on Timber. **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW.** Four entries by force or pry tool, one attempt without entry, one entry by a passkey. There were four garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 412 – 2      RD 421 – 1  
RD 422 – 3

Grand Theft Autos

RD 293 – 1      RD 422 – 2

**BEAT 8**

4 Residential Burglaries  
5 Vehicle Burglaries  
3 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 178 – 1      RD 188 – 2  
RD 197 – 1

Streets: Athena, Torin, Balmoral and Midway **THREE ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED DOORS OR WINDOWS.** There was one entry by a window smash. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 176 - 1      RD 178 - 1  
RD 188 - 1      RD 198 - 2

Grand Theft Autos

RD 177 – 1      RD 198 – 1  
RD 199 – 1

**BEAT 9**

3 Residential Burglaries  
14 Vehicle Burglaries  
9 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 263 – 1      RD 272 – 1  
RD 282 – 1

Streets: Lambert, Slater and Newman. **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR**

**DOORS.** One attempt without entry. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 271 – 2      RD 272 – 3  
RD 273 – 1      RD 283 – 8

Grand Theft Autos

RD 272 – 2      RD 282 – 5  
RD 283 – 2

**BEAT 10**

4 Residential Burglaries  
12 Vehicle Burglaries  
4 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 153 – 2      RD 164 – 1  
RD 165 – 1

Streets: Windspun, Tortola, Pickwick, and Lynn. Two entries were by force or pry tool, there was one attempt without entry and one entry by unknown means. There were two garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 151 – 1      RD 152 – 1  
RD 153 – 1      RD 155 – 1  
RD 164 – 2      RD 165 – 2  
RD 173 – 2      RD 175 – 2

Grand Theft Autos

RD 151 – 1      RD 154 – 1  
RD 165 – 1      RD 174 – 1

**BEAT 11**

1 Residential Burglary  
4 Vehicle Burglaries  
1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 169 – 1

Street: Lydia, entry by unknown means. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 158 – 2      RD 166 – 1  
RD 169 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 166 – 1

**BEAT 12**

2 Residential Burglaries

2 Vehicle Burglaries  
4 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 149 – 2

Streets: Tullow and Breeland. Two entries by force or pry tool. There were no garage entries. Vehicle seen during the time of the Tullow forced entry described as: dark colored newer Camry, 4-door. Driver was Hispanic or White with a shaved head, 20-30 years old. Paper plate saying “Elmore Toyota”.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 147 – 1      RD 148 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 126 – 2      RD 138 – 2

**BEAT 13**

1 Residential Burglary  
24 Vehicle Burglaries  
12 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 252 – 1

Street: Parkside, entry by an unlocked door. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 232 – 3      RD 241 – 3  
RD 242 – 3      RD 251 – 1  
RD 252 – 5      RD 253 – 2  
RD 261 – 6      RD 262 – 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 241 – 3      RD 242 – 1  
RD 252 – 3      RD 253 – 2  
RD 261 – 1      RD 262 – 2

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



