

SMPD Crime Report

A home in the 1100 block of San Marino Avenue was reported at 8:41 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, to have been ransacked. The point of entry appeared to be a back French door that was forced open.

An unknown person was reported at 8:25 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, to have ransacked an unlocked vehicle parked at a home on Pasqualito Drive and used the garage door opener in the vehicle to open the garage and steal several tools.

An unknown person appears to have used some sort of tool to try prying open a back door at a home on Plymouth Road sometime before 12:27 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12.

Two men wearing hoodies with the hoods pulled and cinched over their faces were seen on video cameras prowling through a yard on Courtland Avenue at 11:26 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, and using their gloved hands to turn the cameras in

different directions. They also were seen looking through the home's windows and sliding glass door, although they did not try to enter the home.

A Mexican national living in Los Angeles was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence after police reportedly found him asleep in the driver's seat of a vehicle in a turn bay leading from Huntington Drive to San Gabriel Boulevard at 3:28 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12. According to the report, the motorist was too intoxicated to stand or perform a field sobriety test.

A Calimesa man was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence after being pulled over at 1:58 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, near the intersection of San Marino Avenue and Roanoke Road.

A motorist was cited for driving with a suspended license after being pulled over at 4:17 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10, near

Huntington Drive and El Molino Avenue.

A homeless man was cited for alleged possession of methamphetamine and for having an outstanding arrest warrant with the Whittier Police Department after being reported as a suspicious person walking near Huntley Circle at 6:41 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11.

An unknown person was reported on Monday, Sept. 10, to have accessed and deactivated a cellphone belonging to a resident on Robles Avenue. The suspect also was reported to have purchased a new phone using the victim's account and to have attempted several purchases with the victim's checking account.

A resident on Kewen Drive reported at 4:23 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, receiving a letter from the IRS detailing that an unknown person had used the resident's Social Security number on a job application.

Two leaf blowers and miscellaneous items were reported stolen from a location on Sharon Place at 3:50 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10.

The driver's side mirror on a vehicle parked in the 1800 block of Huntington Drive was reported at 4:43 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, to have been shattered from a hit-and-run.

Miscellaneous items were reported stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked on Oxford Road at 8:47 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9.

San Marino Police Department had 534 calls for service between Sunday, Sept. 9, and Saturday, Sept. 15. Information was gathered from a department memorandum summarizing key incidents handled during that period.



A Learning Works student checks out a school backpack provided by Sydney Paige and Proactiv.

Sydney Paige, Proactiv Team to Donate School Supplies

Sydney Paige and Proactiv skin care recently teamed up to donate "Confidence Kits" to under-resourced teens in Pasadena. Sydney Paige provided backpacks and school supplies, and Proactiv donated skin-care products, with the opportunity to call for more free skin-care products.

Recipients included students from Garfield and Roosevelt high schools, as well as Stevenson Middle School via the Los Angeles Unified School District's Healthy Start Program.

"This program is just fantastic for our students and really makes them excited to start the school year," noted Blanca Espinoza of the Healthy Start Program. Pasadena's Learning Works Charter School, which focuses on helping disengaged dropouts become graduates, was also a beneficiary of the proactiv and Sydney Paige partnership.

"We are giving these students so much more than an awesome backpack, tons of school supplies and Proactiv product

samples," said Ann Wohlstetter of Sydney Paige. "We are giving them the tools and

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Building's Condition Adds to Debate Over Recreation Dept.

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A recent inspection of the Stoneman Building pointed to deficiencies in fire detection, so a blue-ribbon committee evaluation of the future of the Recreation Department later this month will be particularly timely.

The aged building, which the city bought from the San Marino Unified School District years ago for \$6 million, has never left the local spotlight because its condition requires numerous health and safety advances whose potential cost keeps rising.

Now that the city is taking a hard look at its recreation programming, the building — site of the department's preschool and other programs — is falling under still more scrutiny.

The blue-ribbon committee — composed of Mayor Steve Talt and Councilman Ken Ude along with five other "citizen advisers" — planned to take up the fire-safety findings this week.

"We feel we're making headway on this latest news with respect to Stoneman, and it's going to have to be discussed," Talt said during last week's City Council meeting.

The building falls short of code requirements because it lacks automatic fire alarms and smoke detectors.

"It's actually a usage that is triggered by having any child there up through 12th grade," City Manager Marcella Marlowe said, explaining it was not merely the preschool's presence that is an issue. The building "does not have an integrated smoke detection system. It actually doesn't have any smoke detection system."

Marlowe said the deputy fire marshal

has ordered that the building be under "fire watch," which requires city employees to certify every hour that no fire is occurring. In the meantime, she said there is a 30-day window for the city to rectify the situation.

"There are some more minor corrections that are in the neighborhood of \$12,000 that we're already working on," she said.

The committee has met routinely since it was created more than two months ago. It had planned on presenting recommendations at last week's meeting, but there were road bumps along the way, Talt explained.

"We are getting a draft report on many of the issues, but because of not only the summertime, but also getting all this info in and putting it into a form to advise us what to do, it's taking longer than originally anticipated," he said.

The City Council hopes to use the report and recommendations to establish a new direction for the Recreation Department, one that will emphasize more popular programming, cost recovery and reduced liability for the city. Residents have vocally showed support for the department as a community-building entity, pleading with city officials to keep it open amid rumors that it will be shuttered.

For the current fiscal year, the City Council in effect replicated last year's budget for the Recreation Department while cutting some programs and streamlining costs. Next year, however, officials will be looking at the possibility of changes.

Talt said the committee is expected to present ideas about the department at the Sept. 29 meeting, while Marlowe said she expected to have recommendations specific to the Stoneman Building on Oct. 10.

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