

SANDY SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Activity

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The south and north districts are divided by the line of Johnson Ferry Road east from the river and across Roswell Road where it hits a little piece of Glenridge to Hammond and then Hammond east to Dunwoody City Limits.

www.crimereports.com For crime stats and mapping in Sandy Springs.



BURGLARY ARRESTS

Members of the Fulton County Multi-Jurisdictional Burglary Task force in conjunction with Cobb and Gwinnett Counties executed a search warrant at a residence in Gwinnett County.

We recovered over 23 stolen appliances, 3 stolen vehicles, two stolen trailers, a good amount of methamphetamine, scales, and several guns.

A total of 3 suspects were arrested. The investigation originated in Sandy Springs and was initiated by Detective JT Williams. CST assisted in the take down of 2 of the suspects. The task force will continue to work with Gwinnett and Cobb County in identifying the owners of the stolen property and locating a 4th suspect who is still outstanding.

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT



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Crooks

"Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former."—Albert Einstein



=Can you figure out the clue here?

ROBBERY

Please check back soon.

BURGLARY

200 block of Fieldsborn Ct. 30328 2/20
While the resident was away from home between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., someone entered from a back door. The alarm panel had been damaged. The victim reported several electronic items taken. CSI did remove some good prints and neighbors reported seeing a white truck in the area during the incident times.

1000 block of Brentwood Way 30350 2/24
A computer, camcorder, and camera were taken. A back window had been forced open.

800 block of Spring Creek Lane 30350 2/24
Someone door-kicked an apartment and took two watches.

7000 block of Riverside Drive 30328 2/24
Someone entered the victim's residence and removed several items. It appears the entry was non-forced.

8400 block of Roswell Road 30350 2/24
Business burglary / side door entered and several items were taken.

THEFT

800 block of Mt. Vernon Hwy 30328 2/20
A laptop was stolen from a school locker.

(Recovered) 5380 Roswell Road 30342 2/20
A stolen Oldsmobile Ciera was found in a parking lot. It had been stolen earlier that day in Atlanta.

A black 1992 Chevy pickup was reported stolen from 5400 block of Roswell Road on Feb 20.

500 block of Northridge Crossing 30350 2/24
Someone took a power meter from the residence.

8100 block of Colquitt Road 30350 2/25
A girl gave her roommate \$300 to get her a money order. She hasn't seen him since.

A cabbie reported he picked up a black male on Roberts Drive and took him to Cimarron Pkwy. When he arrived, the man bolted and ran off.

4900 block of Roswell Road 30342 2/24
A salon owner said a regular but problematic customer came in and had a "*lace wig application treatment*" done. The cost was \$175. When she was done, the woman said the money was in her car and she would meet the employee there. When the employee went downstairs to get the money, the woman drove off.



For more information on lace wig applications, go to:
www.buylacefrontwigs.com

Coldstream Ct and Riverside Drive 30328 2/24
A patrol officer found a pickup truck parked just off Riverside Drive. The truck had just been driven there because the engine was still warm. The Chevy pickup had been stolen from Atlanta on Valentine's Day.

A woman reported that her personal trainer took off with computer, jewelry, a number of other electronics, checks, and a lot of cash. She said he owes her additional monies totaling just under \$10,000. She thinks he left for California.

7000 Central Pkwy 30328 2/24
A laptop was stolen from an office. The video shows a man standing near the elevators when a cleaning crew goes by. He pulls out his cell phone and appears to be talking. The man later walks out of view of

A resident said someone accessed his account and wrote about \$16,000 in checks on it. He thinks they got his info from his mail.

1100 Hammond Drive

30328

2/24

A woman contacted SSDP and said she was contacted via letter about being a mystery shopper. This report isn't detailed but it says she wired a total of over \$3000 to a Western Union address and then figured out she was scammed. The money was picked up at the Publix on Hammond Drive.



Just be very careful of anything that asks for money up front. Mystery shopping scams can be found all over the Internet.

A restaurant owner said she discovered that an employee had been adding tip amounts to existing credit card payments by customers. The tips totaled over \$500.



Theft by Deception (Pigeon Drop)

An 89-year old victim said she was coming out of the Costco on PDR when she was approached by a young woman who tapped on her car window and then asked if she dropped a purse. The victim said no and the following is the short version of the sequence of events:

- ✓ Suspect 1 shows a purse with what appears to contain a lot of money.
- ✓ Suspect 1 asks victim to stand by while she finds her boss.
- ✓ Boss (suspect 2) tells her that there is \$100,000 in the purse.
- ✓ Boss suggests that they each put in cash for "good faith" funds and they will later split the funds three ways.
- ✓ Victim goes to the bank and withdraws \$3200 cash.
- ✓ Suspect 1 says they will put the purse with \$100,000 in it, in the victim's car trunk for safekeeping.
- ✓ Victim gives suspect 1 the \$3200 cash.
- ✓ Suspects and victim agree to meet up later.
- ✓ Victim goes home, gets the purse which is now locked.
- ✓ Victim cuts the purse open and finds that it's filled with yellow paper.



It's an old, old scam but as you see, still has life. The hook here is at some point, the victim's rationalization is overridden by a bit of

greed, a little "something-for-nothing" mentality that is what we call the "hook."

The suspect female is a black female who said her name was Gwendolyn Wilson. The "boss," although not seen, was named Mr. Weinstein.

ASSAULTS

Most were DV cases and minor tit-tats that didn't make the news.

ARRESTS

Messina Way 30328 2/20

A man who was going door to door, selling magazines that nobody buys, was stopped by an officer. He had no permit and was from out of state. He told the officer he was staying at a local hotel and had been dropped off by his boss. He was selling magazines to win a trip to Mexico. He was cited for not having the permit and told to leave the area. (It is good that folks call in on these people because first of all, they don't have a permit. Secondly, they don't live local and if they do choose to steal something or rip off the homeowner by selling a fraudulent subscription, they're hard to find. Third, why give them close up access to your home? This doesn't apply to the girl scouts. Just buy the cookies. You don't want to make them mad.

Amberidge Trail 30328 2/20
Same thing. Female selling magazines. She was cited and ordered to leave the area.

Cops got an accident call around 5:30 p.m. at Roswell and Hammond. They found a man who passed out in his car. Barely coherent, he told them he drank a *bunch* of gin. He was arrested.

Hightower Trail and Dunwoody Place 30350 2/20
During a traffic stop, the officer determined that the driver had no license or insurance. She was arrested and the car impounded.

Officers responded to a call at the Whole Foods Store parking lot area at Roswell and Hammond. Two men were seen looking into cars. They left there, crossed the street and were doing the same in the City Walk parking lot. The cops located the men walking behind the shopping center on Sandy Springs Place. The men said they were looking for

work but couldn't recall where. One of the men said they applied for work at Lowe's but Lowe's said no one applied during that time. One of the men had an I.D. card that was different than the name he gave the officer. The second guy also lied about his name. After checking the various database resources, his true name was found. Both men were arrested for Loitering, Prowling, and giving the cops fake names.



This call came in from someone who saw two men doing something suspicious and acted on it. We love folks like this. Way to go.

A now ex-employee was arrested at the Home Depot Store after he took money and merchandise totaling \$150 from the store.

Officers arrested a woman at the Taco Bell in the 6600 block of Roswell Road after an employee noticed that she paid for her food with a (badly) counterfieted \$100 bill. The officers spoke with the woman and it appears she used it a at least one other store that day. She lied and lied but later admitted she was given money by a man who gave her a percentage of the change he got from counterfiet bills. She was later taken to jail.

PEOPLE WITH ISSUES



Cops responded to 7000 Roswell Road and met with a man who said he and his girlfriend split up and she told him that when he came over to get his clothes, she would have a surprise. When he got there he found his clothes on the lawn in front of the apartment. They had been drenched in bleach.

* LEAST COMPETENT CRIMINALS

- ✚ Buffalo, N.Y., television meteorologist Mike Cejka was arrested in December after a brief police chase and charged with trespassing after he was spotted at 4 a.m. tinkering with the covering of a motorcycle in a stranger's yard. Cejka told police he was on his way to work at the station and had merely stopped to admire the motorcycle he had remembered seeing in

that yard over the summer. He was wearing a dress shirt and shoes and leather chaps topped by a pair of sweat shorts. [Niagara Gazette, 1-5-10]

- ✚ Poorly Conceived: Travis Copeland, 19, bolting from a courtroom in Waukegan, Ill., in January, ran down a hallway and then lowered his shoulder and thrust himself at a window, intending to crash through it to freedom. Courthouse windows are bulletproof, and Copeland merely bounced off, staggered away and fell to the floor in pain. [Daily Herald (Arlington Heights, Ill.), 1-15-10]
- ✚ Chamil Guadarrama, 30, was arrested in Springfield, Mass., in February after a store security guard spotted him with 75 bottles of lotion stuffed down his pant legs (which were tied off at the ankles), making him look like a nearly immobile Michelin Man. Said a cop: "(We) could not fit Mr. Guadarrama into the cruiser because ... he could not bend over." [The Republican (Springfield), 2-4-10]

* WWW.NEWSOFTHWEIRD.COM