



Veroy D. Baca, Sheriff

I. CRIME STATISTICS

CRIME	CURRENT MTH	YTD 2012	YTD 2011	CHANGE
Homicide	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0
Robbery				
Armed	0	0	0	0
Strong-Arm	0	0	0	0
Assault	0	0	0	0
Burglary				
Residential	3	3	1	2
Business	0	0	0	0
Garage/Out-Building	0	0	0	0
Vehicle (locked)	0	0	2	-2
Theft				
Grand (\$400 +)	0	0	0	0
Petty	1	1	0	1
Vehicle (unlocked)	0	0	0	0
Grand Theft Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence Felony	0	0	0	0
Total Part I Crimes	4	4	3	1
Percent Change				+33.3%
Domestic Violence Misdemeanor	1	1	0	1

NOTABLE ACTIVITIES:

1-1-12

The Malibu Search and Rescue Team responded to the area of Winding Way above Pacific Coast Highway regarding two stranded hikers.

1-1-12

The Malibu Search and Rescue Team responded to Tuna Canyon approximately four miles north of Pacific Coast Highway regarding a reported vehicle over the side.

1-8-12

The Malibu Search and Rescue Team responded to Tuna Canyon approximately two miles north of Pacific Coast Highway regarding a vehicle over the side.

1-15-12

The Malibu Search and Rescue Team responded the area of Topanga State Park regarding a lost hiker.

1-19-12

The Malibu Search and Rescue Team responded to the Hollywood Hills area at the request of the Los Angeles Police Department to assist in a criminal investigation.

1-20-12

The Malibu Search and Rescue Team Kanan Road south of Cornell regarding a reported suicidal person.

1-25-12

The Malibu Search and Rescue Team responded to Topanga State Park regarding a hiker possibly having a heart attack.

II. NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS

A residential burglary (no signs of forced entry) was reported in the 20900 block of Canyon Trail. The victim returned home and saw a vehicle (blue 2004 Nissan Sentra) parked in the specifically designated parking spot for her vehicle. She parked in her driveway and walked up an outside staircase which leads to the entrance of her residence. Once she reached the top of the staircase, she saw a subject inside her daughter's room. As she was questioning this subject (subject #1) about being in her residence, another subject (subject #2) appeared from inside the house. When both subjects began leaving the residence, the victim grabbed subject #1's jacket and he brandished a knife or box cutter at the victim. The victim was able to obtain the vehicle license plate number. With this information, and a print hit obtained from inside the residence, subject #1, a resident of Los Angeles, has been identified. A warrant will be issued for his arrest. The investigation continues to identify subject #2. (12-00298)

A residential burglary occurred in the 1700 block of Tuna Canyon Road. A ladder, which was in the victim's backyard, was used to gain entry into the second story master bedroom which had its door unlocked. The bedroom was ransacked and jewelry was taken. A witness/neighbor saw a White male, 25 to 26 years of age, brown hair with a mullet cut, who was wearing blue shorts and a gray jacket on the ledge of the master bedroom. The witness did not call the police because he thought the suspect was working on the house. (12-00496)

A residential burglary and theft of a vehicle were reported in the 20000 block of Winfield Road. The suspect is the victim's stepson who entered the unlocked residence. The vehicle was recovered the next day by the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department. The investigation is ongoing. (12-00019)

A theft of a mailbox occurred in the 1300 block of North Topanga Canyon Road. No suspect(s) seen or heard. (12-00415)

A resident was arrested for a domestic violence incident in the 1000 block of Aztec. The suspect assaulted his wife during an argument. (12-00553)

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF



Joseph H. Stephen Jr., Captain
Malibu/Lost Hills Station

3: REPORT IT!

Think you're "bothering" the Sheriff by calling them about the creepy guy sitting in a van across the street? Think again. The Sheriff *wants* you to call them with any and every concern. If it doesn't feel right, call it in and let the professionals decide if it's worth following up. That's what they get paid for. And it's your tax dollars that pay them.

>>What you can do

- **Call 9-1-1 for all emergencies.** If there is an immediate threat—a crime in progress, an assault, a car accident, a person in medical distress— call 9-1-1.
- **Call the Sheriff to report all non-emergency suspicious activity.** Keep the Lost Hills Sheriff's Station number (818-878-1808) close by. If there's any doubt about some activity, call it in. One burglar used a ladder to climb up through a second story window and ransack the house. A neighbor saw the guy but assumed he was a worker who was supposed to be there, so the neighbor did not call the Sheriff. Only afterward did the neighbor realize he had actually witnessed a crime. And he felt pretty bad that his inaction helped his neighbor become a crime victim.
- **Be aware and be proactive.** Use your cell phone to snap pictures of suspicious vehicles (as long as you feel safe doing so). Get the license plates, vehicle model, color, and note any markings like dents, signs, bumper stickers, etc. Make a note of any suspicious people you spot. Try to jot down as many details as possible about any unusual scene.
- **Stay safe.** *Never* confront suspicious individuals. Move to a safe location and call the Sheriff.
- **Don't spread rumors.** Forwarding emails of unverified crimes may cause unnecessary worry or panic. If you hear an unverified rumor, call the Sheriff's Dept (818-878-1808) and confirm the details before "passing it on." Don't identify the victims or reveal specific street addresses, which could be viewed as an invasion of privacy. Imagine yourself as the victim before editorializing in mass emails.

What others are doing to help reduce Topanga crime

Topanga Town Council meets with the Sheriff's Dept. and CHP on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7pm in the Topanga Library community room. The public is welcome. The Council posts a monthly Sheriff's Crime Report on OneTopanga.com under "News About Town." Special crime workshops can be arranged upon request.

Supervisor Yaroslavsky's office has created a mini-substation at the Topanga Library for the Sheriff and CHP to write their reports, enabling them to remain in Topanga longer during patrol shifts.

T-CEP has secured a secondary site for Sheriff and CHP as a report writing location when the Library is closed. T-CEP has also expanded the Neighborhood Network's role to include crime prevention information sharing along with disaster preparedness education and alerts.

LA Country Sheriff's Dept. - In addition to the Sheriff's regular patrol units, they have a special COPS unit (Community Oriented Policing Service), a collaboration with Topanga residents that focuses on criminal and nuisance activity in our area. When crimes occur, two Sheriff's detectives are assigned to Topanga's criminal cases. Patrol strategies are addressed and implemented when local crimes are identified. If you are going to be away from your home for an extended period, you can request a 'vacation house check' with the Sheriff's Dept.

Additional Resources

- To report any suspicious activity or concerns, call the Lost Hills Sheriff's Station at 818-878-1808.
- To report an emergency, call 9-1-1.
- To view a map of current crime information, go to **crimemapping.com**, select California then scroll down and select Los Angeles County Sheriff (unincorp.). Scroll across the map to see every currently reported crime in the county unincorporated areas, including Topanga.
- If you have information that might help solve a crime, call in or text an anonymous tip to Crimestoppers. You might be eligible for a cash reward. Visit **lacrimestoppers.org** for details.

If you commit to LOCK IT, INSTALL IT and REPORT IT, you'll be doing your part to help keep Topanga as free from crime as possible. Thank you!