

Police Say Watch Out for Scheming Burglars

Police are advising San Leandrans to be on alert for a scammer posing as a utility worker to burglarize homes.

On Feb. 4 around at 1 p.m., a woman living on the 2100 block of Pacific Avenue answered her door for a man who said he was working on some water pipes in a neighboring yard and needed to check for leaks, according to Lt. Randy Brandt of the San Leandro police.

The woman allowed the suspect to check her yard and they did not discover any damage, so the scammer left.

During their time in the yard, a second suspect had broken into her house, Brandt said.

Anyone with any information is asked to call 577-3220 or the police's anonymous tip line at 577-3278.

Traffic Stop Leads to Gun Arrest

A traffic stop last Wednesday afternoon led to an arrest for gun possession on Grand Avenue near the entrance of I-580.

A patrolling officer tried to pull over a car around 3:30 p.m. and the driver did not pull over.

The officer then saw the driver throw a gun out of the window. The driver eventually pulled over and was arrested. It was discovered that the gun had been reported stolen out of Fremont in 2011.

The suspect, a 30-year-old East Palo Alto man, is being held on \$230,000 bail and scheduled to be arraigned this week.

Man Arrested for Domestic Violence

Police arrested a man for on the 1000 clock of MacArthur Boulevard Sunday morning at around 3 a.m. after a fight was reported.

When police arrived, they found a man and a woman arguing in a parked car, according to Lt. Randy Brandt of the San Leandro police.

Officers saw that the woman had been hurt and attempted to detain the man, but he struggled with them before they finally cuffing him, so he was arrested for resisting arrest as well as the assault.

Car Chase Leads to Crash

An officer patrolling the Bayfair mall parking lot wound up on a brief car chase Sunday afternoon

at around 1:30 p.m.

The cop spotted a speeding car and tried to pull it over, but the driver wouldn't stop and a pursuit began, according to Lt. Randy Brandt of the San Leandro police.

The chase stopped when the driver crashed into a wall. A passenger was injured with a serious laceration to the head.

The driver then tried to run away on foot, but was caught. Because the passenger was hurt, the driver was arrested for felony hit and run as well as resisting arrest.

The man had a warrant out for his arrest, which is likely why he ran, Brandt said.

Neighbor Spots Burglar

A homeowner saw a stranger prowling near a neighbor's house and successfully stopped a burglary last Monday around 11:30 a.m.

The suspect was hanging around the front door of a home on the 100 block of Beverly Avenue and the witness knew he did not live at the home and called police, according to Lt. Randy Brandt of the San Leandro police.

The witness saw the suspect go to the back of the home and the police arrived and arrested him.

Officers found pry marks on the home's window frames, Brandt said.

The suspect was identified as a 16-year-old from Oakland.