

Media Release

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Recent Incidents Overview – YCSO Seeking Suspects in both Incidents

RIMROCK – Vandalism



On April 23, 2014, YCSO deputies were called to the 4300 block of Cliffside Trail, Rimrock, regarding a vandalism complaint. A property management company representative told deputies that suspect(s) unknown forcibly entered the unoccupied home damaging every wall and surface in every room with heavy paint splatter. Inside the house, deputies found indication of marijuana use along with a few handbags, blankets, and liquor. Deputies did obtain some physical evidence for processing, but as of now there are no significant leads. It appeared, based on the condition of the paint, the damage had been done just a few days prior.

If anyone has information regarding this vandalism, please contact the Sheriff's Office at 928-771-3260 or Yavapai Silent Witness at 1800-932-3232. Refer to case number 14-014312.

CAMP VERDE/VILLAGE OF OAK CREEK – Trailhead Burglaries

On April 24, 2014, YCSO deputies were called to investigate 4 daytime trailhead vehicle burglaries at 4 different trailheads in the Camp Verde and Village of Oak Creek area. Incident locations include Montezuma Well, Bell trailhead located just west of the Beaver Creek Campground, Palatki Ruins outside of Sedona, and the Cliffrose trailhead in Cottonwood.

At the Palatki Ruins parking area, witnesses saw a 1990's model Ford Explorer, dark blue over all with a grey quarter panel. The Ford is likely an older model with scratched up paint. A male was seen near the victim's vehicle, but there are no further details on his description. It is possible all 4 burglaries are linked to the same suspect(s).

In each case, the suspect(s) smashed windows to gain entry into the vehicles. Items stolen at the Cliffrose trailhead included a large white canvas "Diane Von Frustenger" purse with red and purple flowers, \$150 in cash, along with Chase and Barclay credit cards. From the Bell trailhead

the victim lost a grey "Redwing" backpack, pants and various clothing, a gold cloth Velcro wallet, credit cards, \$20 in cash, and Federal and State River guiding credentials. At the Montezuma Well location, the victim lost her purse and wallet including (2) \$100 bills, credit cards and identification. Finally, the victim who parked at the Palatki Ruins trailhead lost a grey "Frye" brand purse containing her wallet with credit cards, cellphone, and jewelry.

*Please remember, the Sheriff's Office has always recommended that anyone parking their vehicles in trailhead areas should **AVOID** leaving valuables in plain sight. If at all possible, do not carry valuables in your vehicle if you plan to use a trailhead parking area. In most of these cases, suspect(s) forced entry into vehicles only where items of value were easily visible. Trailhead parking lots are a prime target for this type of criminal activity. In past cases, suspects were known to monitor the parking area and wait for hikers to leave their vehicle unattended. Once the owner was out of sight on their hike, suspects had plenty of time to burglarize vehicles knowing the owners may not return for several hours.*

YCSO deputies are seeking anyone with information on these crimes to call 928-771-3260 or Yavapai Silent Witness at 1800-932-3232 where your anonymous tip leading to an arrest could also lead to a cash reward.

Citizens can contact the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office with information or questions at 928-771-3260 or the YCSO website: www.ycsoaz.gov