

VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

M E M O R A N D U M



DATE: September 23, 2025
TO: Supervisor Gorell's Office and the Oak Park MAC
FROM: Sgt. Richard LaSecla
RE: August and part of September MAC Law Enforcement Report

From August 1st to September 19th, deputies working for the Oak Park Community responded to 147 calls for service. This was 24 fewer calls than the same time period in 2024. Additionally, they made 10 self-initiated contacts. They took 28 total reports, 13 were crime reports and 15 incident reports.

NOTE: Incident reports are generated from calls for service where deputies were unable to establish a crime but documented the incident. Those incidents were reviewed by detectives to see if any further follow-up was required.

ONLY TWO REPORTS OF INTEREST

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES:

AUGUST:

Report 25-109162 – Parkview Drive – The victim arrived home and saw a male subject run through her front yard to a vehicle parked in front of her residence. After the subject drove away, the victim went inside and found the residence had been burglarized. An arrest has been made and the press release is attached.

SEPTEMBER:

Report 25-114029 – Lafitte Drive – Suspect(s) removed a screen and pried open a rear window to force entry into 1410 Lafitte Dr., Oak Park. The suspect ransacked parts of the residence. Gold coins, jewelry, watches, and cash were stolen. The residence back to open space and shoe prints determined (S)'s climbed over the back fence from the open to space. A vehicle with stolen license plates was captured on cameras in the area. Investigators are still looking into this incident.

As we approach daylight savings time, we traditionally see an increase in residential burglaries

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office remains committed to safeguarding our local communities and

also works closely with our neighboring agencies. As a reminder, residential burglars tend to target

unoccupied residences that back open spaces such as hiking trails and golf courses. The Sheriff's

Office offers the following suggestions to deter our communities from being targeted:

- Leave indoor lights and/or televisions on during the evening hours to give the appearance that the house is occupied.
- Close and lock all windows and doors when leaving the house.
- Activate alarm systems when leaving the house. Even if you plan to be away for only a brief period.
- Alarm systems should consist of door sensors, window sensors, and glass break sensors for all windows and doors on the first and second floors of the house.
- Safes have been specifically targeted during these burglaries. Consider storing your valuables in a safe deposit box or other secure location.

- Report any suspicious vehicles or individuals immediately by calling Sheriff's Dispatch at (805)654-9511. Pay particular attention to vehicles that drive slowly up and down residential streets, vehicles parked on a street with the engine running and headlights off, and vehicles parked adjacent to hiking trails or golf course access points during hours that are inconsistent with hiking or golfing.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Department would like to remind citizens to remain vigilant and report suspicious people and vehicles by promptly calling 911 or our non-emergency line of (805) 654-9511. **If you see something, say something.**