

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
August 28, 2012

Security Reports

ITEM F.1

Incidence of Trespassing, Burglaries and Attempted Break-Ins

During my two-week vacation there were reports of theft and attempted theft and trespassing in the community (these reports are not included in the regular security report for July as this occurred just recently).

At several homes, the owners reported items stolen and strangers looking into windows for theft opportunities.

Police were called on some of these incidents:

At one home, personal items were taken while the owner was out having dinner (home was left unlocked) - police were called.

At another home nearby the thieves attempted to steal a kayak but were scared off when the occupant heard them, turned on lights and slammed a door - police were called.

Two young adults were observed walking with a bicycle out on the beach late at night - the patrol officer tailed them and when they dropped out of sight he immediately called the police - they were never located.

With the warm nights homeowners are inclined to leave windows and doors open and with the jobless problem, there are many more desperate people looking for an easy way to make money.

I've asked our security branch manager to give us some options on cost for having a second patrol officer in the late hours (see attached email from Securitas).

It is highly recommended that homeowners invest in outdoor safety lighting equipped with motion detectors - this is a very effective way to scare off would be burglars.

For this weekend I have authorized the extra random patrol since it's only \$75/night and we can make some decisions Tuesday night. There is allowance in the security budget for such contingencies.