Public Safety Department
November 2022 City Council Staff Report

POLICE

Officers have responded to a few vehicle burglaries this past month. Dispatch advised there have been a series of vehicle burglaries throughout the county. The burglaries were possibly related to the traveling group that hits vehicles on the trailheads, where many of the vehicle burglaries occurred. Sergeant Briggs spent a Saturday going to the trailheads notifying people there was a concern with vehicle break-ins to keep their valuables with them.

Sergeant Briggs responded to a vehicle burglary report in Santa Clara. Upon arrival, he found that the vehicle was left unlocked. The victim found a wallet and a brand-new E-bike missing from the vehicle. The victim later located the wallet but discovered her debit card was missing. Officer Ray was assigned to the case and found that the victim's debit card was used several times with Santa Clara and St. George cities. He checked the businesses and located surveillance footage. Officer Ray identified the vehicle and later located the vehicle at a hotel in St. George. While trying to identify the hotel room that the suspect(s) were staying at, the vehicle left the area. Several officers waited at the hotel, anticipating that the vehicle would return. When the vehicle returned, officers contacted the driver and passengers. They also located the victim's debit card, along with several other stolen credit cards, inside the vehicle. A search warrant was obtained for their hotel room, and officers located the victim's e-bike along with drug-related items. The subjects were charged with several counts of possession and use of a financial card, vehicle burglary, theft, possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia and two counts of child endangerment, and two arrest warrants on one of the individuals.

Officers have been tagging and cleaning up the streets rlegarding trailers, abandoned vehicles, and various parking issues.

Officers received calls about solicitation. The subjects were located and warned they needed to get a permit from the city. They kept going out, and calls kept coming. Officers located them again and issued citations for the offense—no other reported incidents since the citations and arrest.

Officers assisted with traffic control during the Snow Canyon High Schools triathlon that went through the Santa Clara City area.

Officer Pondoyo headed up a Shop with a Cop fundraiser during Thanksgiving weekend. It was hosted by Desert Rodders car club and O'Reilly Auto Parts. There were over fifty cars and over a hundred or more in attendance. Officer Pondoyo had a booth and educated the community with information on Shop with a Cop program as well as fraud, identity theft, domestic violence, and school safety for kids.

The victim advocate has received and assisted with six CANRs, two crisis calls, and four protective orders. Shelley also worked with four of the 6th District Court victims with complaint resolutions.