

CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MAJOR ACTIVITY

OFFENSES – OCTOBER 2009	NUMBER
Burglary of a Residence	1
Burglary of a Business or Building	0
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	1
Theft / Other	5
Theft of a Motor Vehicle	0
Juvenile Offenses	0
Assault	0
Aggravated Robbery	0
TOTAL	7
Total Calls for Service	1257

As you will note above, we did experience one residential burglary in the city during October at a residence in the 8900 block of Bace. On October 15th, shortly after noon, an unknown person or persons forced entry into the home through a back door, then stole several items of value. The homeowner's burglar alarm is believed to have caused the suspect to leave without taking additional items. During a canvas of the neighborhood shortly after this burglary, officers learned that a neighbor who also lives on Bace had observed a male subject described as looking "nervous" come to her door and knock several times, but the homeowner did not answer the door or indicate that she was home. The subject even tried the doorknob as if he was attempting to gain entry. However, the homeowner did not notify the police of this suspicious activity at the time.

As for the five thefts listed above, three were various incidents from commercial locations along the Katy Freeway and the other two involved the theft of construction materials from two homes under construction.

Although it did not occur in October, many of you are aware of an incident that occurred earlier this week in the 8300 block of Leafy Lane. On Tuesday, November 3rd, a resident had just arrived home shortly before 4:30 p.m. and was in front of his home when two persons in a truck drove by, stopped, and asked for directions. As the resident was providing the directions and with the subjects now outside of their truck, the subjects began to struggle with the victim in an apparent attempt to steal the victim's wallet. As the victim fought back, a neighbor shouted at the suspects as she contacted the police department and made note of the license plate on the vehicle. The suspects then fled.

With the information provided by the witness and from further information developed from evidence recovered at the scene, Spring Valley Village Police investigators identified the two suspects involved in this incident. Working through the night, police obtained felony warrants for the arrest of these two suspects. After additional hours of investigation and surveillance, both warrants were served on the suspects before the end of the day.

A 24-year-old suspect has posted bond and is scheduled to appear in court next month. His 28-year-old alleged accomplice remains in custody in the Harris County Jail in lieu of a \$20,000 bond.

Special thanks to this Spring Valley Village resident for notifying the police department immediately upon observing this incident.

Gary Finkelman
Chief of Police