# The City of Dayton



## Weekly Crime Stats - EPOD North

### August 6, 2012 thru August 12, 2012

Greetings! Thank You for being part of the City Of Dayton

Total reported crime in the First district is <u>Down 7%</u> compared to this time 2011, and <u>Down 11%</u> from 2010. This week compared to last week total crime is <u>Down 42%</u>.

#### DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THE CITIZEN TOOLBOX ON THE CITY WEBSITE UNDER

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Citizens can find Crime Maps in their area by going to the following website:

http://www.daytonohiopolice.com/CrimeMap/

Citizens can also file Reports Online for certain crimes by following the guide line on the website:

https://www.daytonpolicereports.com/apps/citizenreporting/

#### **Problem Oriented Policing:**

# Specific Responses to Reduce Thefts of and from Cars on Residential Streets and Driveways

#### **Education**

- 1. Alerting car owners about theft problems and educating them about known risk factors and effective prevention. Car owners often do not secure their personal property as well as they should. Educating them on how to protect their cars and their contents has been used as part of an overall police program to reduce the thefts from cars. The first step is to ensure that car owners and area residents are aware that a problem exists. When community members are aware of a car crime problem, they are more likely to take measures to secure their property. Effective information sharing networks may also help in spreading the word. Although some studies have suggested that owners may take more precautions in protecting their cars after an educational program, others suggest that publicity campaigns on their own are unlikely to be effective. A review of two studies conducted in the United Kingdom revealed no significant increase in the number of locked cars, following publicity campaigns. Thus, relying on a publicity campaign to solve the problem should only be one part of a larger overall effort to reduce car crime. Some approaches to educating the public about car theft and theft from cars are:
  - distributing information flyers and brochures to residences in areas experiencing thefts from cars
  - attending community meetings and making presentations regarding the nature and extent of the problem and steps vehicle owners can take to guard against theft
  - erecting signs warning citizens parking in a shopping mall lot not to leave valuables in their vehicles
  - issuing press releases to newspapers, radio, and television media outlets
  - holding press conferences along with local government officials and/or community groups
  - placing notices in neighborhood and association newsletters
  - placing notices on the windshields of unsecured vehicles and those with valuables in plain view, indicating that the vehicle was vulnerable to theft 36
  - enclosing information about insurance discounts available to customers who have anti-theft devices installed on their vehicles in regular insurance company mailings.

Among the most important messages to convey to car owners are the following:

- Vehicles are safer in a garage, more at risk in a driveway, and much more at risk on the street.
- Buying a late model car will also ensure that modern security systems have been installed. Checking the ratings of most stolen models may also indicate to the owner what cars are at risk.
- If car owners must park their cars on the street, advising the installation of after market security systems, especially those that are clearly visible to the thief, is probably better than nothing.

#### **Enforcement**

- 1. Increasing patrols. While the effectiveness of increased patrols as a means of deterring crime has not been established, there are some occasions where they may be useful, particularly when crime analysis data can demonstrate a clear pattern of thefts in certain locations and at certain times. Monitoring the results of intensive patrols is important, especially as they demand considerable police department resources. For this reason they are only of use as temporary solutions and do not solve the problem in the long term.
  - Unmarked patrol units can be used to monitor the area and to track and identify suspicious individuals in the neighborhood.
  - Coral Springs, Florida police utilized foot patrols and bicycle-mounted officers in their Forest Hills Initiative aimed at reducing thefts from cars. These types of patrols not only increase the opportunity for police to discover offenders, but also improve their chances of apprehending these perpetrators who typically are on foot.
- 2. Prosecuting offenders. Working with local prosecutors to ensure aggressive prosecution and punishment may temporarily remove prolific offenders from the community and serve as a deterrent to others. Some argue that lack of prosecution results in low levels of fear of arrest among offenders. However, the British Home Office found that, among offenders involved in stealing cars, fear of apprehension and punishment was not a significant deterrent; though when asked if a new law mandating stiff penalties would deter them, over half of the thieves interviewed said that it would. One police agency in the United Kingdom devised a flyer to be given to auto theft offenders released on bail, which warned that they would be closely monitored, and advised them of the consequences of breaking the conditions of their release.
- 3. Using "bait cars." Placing cars in plain view can provide a target for police to observe and catch offenders in the act. Maintaining cars under continuous surveillance is labor-intensive, although technological innovations such as GPS tracking and cars that automatically broadcast to patrol cars when they are broken into have made this easier. Some research has suggested that this type of program might be effective in reducing car crime. This response is more effective when it is known what type of car is most often targeted for theft, or when a particular area is experiencing a very high volume of thefts from cars. In British Columbia, Canada, police officials have formed a task force of seven provincial and local police agencies that utilize bait cars which, when stolen, immediately notify dispatchers and transmit their position via GPS tracking. Once police are in place behind the car, the engine is disabled with the click of a mouse button, allowing apprehension without the concern of a pursuit situation developing. While this technique offers promise in reducing or eliminating high speed car chases, there is to date no research to demonstrate that this approach reduces or prevents car theft.
- 4. Tracking stolen goods. Local pawnshops and second-hand stores that trade in the most frequently stolen items, such as compact disks and car stereos, should be contacted directly. Not only can they be checked for any identifiable items (most states require pawn brokers to record the identity of all persons delivering property to them, and to show their records to the police upon demand), but police can also use the opportunity to educate store owners about the problem, enlist their aid, and/or warn them of the consequences of receiving stolen property.

# **Responses With Limited Effectiveness**



Neighborhood Watch signs are ubiquitous in many suburban areas and are generally ineffective, as suggested by the graffiti on the sign.

**Warning offenders.** Most thieves are aware of the threat of apprehension and prosecution. Installing Neighborhood Watch signs or other devices to warn offenders generally does not act as a significant deterrent to experienced offenders who realize that detection and apprehension are unlikely, and that prosecution is even less likely.

 Diverting youthful offenders. Diverting youthful offenders involved in car crime to programs designed to provide them with a positive outlet for their energies and interests is intended to discourage them from continuing to engage in crime. Unfortunately, most research has demonstrated that these programs have a limited or no effectiveness in reducing car-related crime. A review of diversion programs in the United Kingdom found no evidence for their effectiveness in reducing joyriding.

Some examples of diversion programs aimed at young auto thieves are:

- The youth and probation services in High Wycombe, United Kingdom initiated a program known as Skidz, that provides at-risk young people with free access to automotive mechanical training and driver education, as well as literacy and job training services.44
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Williams Lake, British Columbia discovered through their analysis that young First Nation males were responsible for the majority of the rampant auto theft in the area. Working with tribal leaders from the nearby reservation, they established programs for diversion of first offenders. In addition, they set up programs of educational and cultural exchange between members of the civilian and law enforcement communities of the city, and with the youth of the reservation. The result was a reduction in the car theft rate and improvement in overall relations between the two communities. This finding remains tentative however, because of lack of controls in the research design.
- 2. Implementing "Vehicle Watch" programs. This approach involves a voluntary agreement between the police and citizens who permit the police to stop their cars without cause if it is seen in operation during certain late-night hours. A special sticker identifies the car. A study in the United Kingdom suggests that the risk of theft can be reduced over the short term. However, the results are inconclusive, and other research using interviews with offenders indicates that these stickers can easily be defeated by covering them with another sticker or simply scraping them off. In another U.K. study of offender attitudes, 82 percent of car thieves stated they would not be deterred by cars carrying the vehicle watch sticker.

A rear window decal indicates the vehicle owner grants permission to police to stop the vehicle if it is seen being operated during late night hours.

#### **Crimes of Interest:**

#### **Aggravated Assault:**

#### Robbery:

**100 South Garfield Street-** On Saturday, August 11, 2012, at approximately 8:00 pm, A Citizen was the victim of an armed robbery. Officers arrived and were told two Hispanic males described as 5'7" to 6'1" approximately 170 pounds, 27 years of age grabbed the victim pushed he against a pole and stole her purse which contained her food stamp card and also her medicines. The suspects fled on foot. Detectives are following up with the investigation.

#### **Crimes to Local Business:**

**1511 Kuntz Road-** On Monday, August 6, 2012, between 8:00 pm and 7:30 am, Goodwill Industries was the victim of breaking and entering. Officers were told during the night hours someone entered the victim's fenced in lot and stole 6 semi batteries. Through investigations Officers located 6 Semi Batteries at Interstate battery which were stolen from Goodwill. Officers were directed to Raymond Stringer who brought the batteries into the business. He was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property. The business reported the cost to replace the batteries would be over one thousand dollars.

#### Raymond Stringer 9/7/1966



**4506 Brandt Pike-** On Thursday, August 9, 2012, at approximately 11:49 am, Kroger's Grocery Store was the victim of theft. Officers were told a white male filled his entire shopping cart with cases of Mountain Dew and walked out the front door without paying. He then entered a 1990 Lincoln Town Car with Ohio temporary license plate V299004 and drove away. A broadcast was completed for the vehicle and officers were told it should have been driven by Sammie Ledford Jr.

#### Sammie Ledford Jr 10/28/1966



4337 Interpoint Boulevard- On Wednesday, August 8, 2012 between 5:00 pm and 7:57 am, At&T was the victim of theft. Officers arrived and were told an unknown person(s) stole metal from the property. While investigating Detectives were contacted by a local scrap yard who reported a male later identified as Jeffery Mays was at the yard selling wire consistent with what was stolen. Officers relocated and took Mays into custody. He was later transported to jail after being interviewed.

#### **Jeffery mays 5/28/1988**



**3420 Needmore Road-** On Sunday, August 12, 2012, between 10:15 pm and 5:00 am, Swifty Gasoline was the victim of breaking and entering. Officers arrived and were told an unknown person(s) forced entry into the business through a concrete wall and stole numerous packs of cigarettes. At this time there is no suspect information and detectives are following up.

#### Residential Crimes:

#### **Burglary**:

**4918 Bittern Court-** On Monday, August 6, 2012, between 2:00 am and 7:30 am, a citizen was the victim of burglary. Officers arrived and were told an unknown person entered the victim's unlocked vehicle and used a garage door opener to gain access to an attached garage. The suspect(s) stole numerous power tools, lawn tools, a table saw and a GPS unit. An evidence crew was requested and at this time there is no suspect information.

**5114 Northcrest Drive-** Between Monday August 6, 2012 and Tuesday August 7, 2012, this location was the victim of burglary. Officers arrived and were told an unknown person entered the residence through the rear sliding back door. Once inside they ransacked the apartment and stole an XBOX video gaming system and a 42" television. It should be noted there appeared to be no forced entry into the apartment. At this time there is no suspect information.

**1317 Lamar Street-** On Saturday, August 11, 2012, between 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm, this location was the victim of burglary. Officers arrived and were told an unknown person had forced entry into the house using a crow bar on the second floor rear window of the

house. The suspects entered and stole jewelry. An Evidence crew was requested and at this time there is no suspect information.

#### **Breaking and Entering:**

**2419 East Third Street-** Between August 7, 2012 and August 10, 2012, this location was the victim of breaking and entering. Officers arrived and were told an unknown person(s) entered the residence through an unlocked window and stole numerous items from the location consisting of Metal and sinks. At this time there is no suspect information.

**212 South Dutoit Street-** On Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at approximately 4:30 pm, this location was the victim of breaking and entering. Officers arrived and discovered the house was vacant and entry was made into the house through a window. Officers were told a white male approximately 6', short black hair, wearing a Black T-Shirt, Black pants carrying a black back pack was seen climbing out the window of the structure. Officers checked the area nearby however were unable to locate the suspect. It is unknown if anything was taken from the property. Detectives are following up.

**3952 Ridge Avenue-** On Saturday, August 11, 2012, between 9:00 am and 10:30 am, this location was the victim of breaking and entering. Officers arrived and discovered an unknown person(s) kicked in the side door of a detached garage. At this time it is unknown if anything is missing.

**123 South Irwin Street-** On Saturday, August 11, 2012, between 9:45 pm and 7:20 am, this location was the victim of breaking and entering. Officers arrived and were told an unknown person(s) broke into a shed and stole two lawn mowers and a wheel barrow. Detectives are investigating.

#### **Grand Theft Auto:**

**1340 East Third Street-** On Wednesday, August 8, 2012, between 10:00 am and 6:30 pm, a citizen was the victim of grand theft of automobile. Officers were told the victim parked his 2001 Dodge Caravan in the lot of U-Haul and when he returned the vehicle was gone. The victim suspects his ex-wife took the vehicle due to no signs of forced entry. A broadcast was completed on the vehicle and officers are currently trying to locate the vehicle.



#### **Theft from Motor Vehicle:**

**4960 Egret Court-** On Monday, August 6, 2012, between 12:00 am and 3:30 am, a citizen was the victim of theft from automobile. Officers were told an unknown person(s)

had gone through their vehicle and stole loose change and Dave and Buster Gift cards. Officers were told the vehicles were left unlocked. While speaking with this address, two additional citizens approached Officers and reported their vehicles were gone through. All four citizens stated change was missing from their vehicles which were left unlocked. At this time there is no suspect information.

**4930 Bittern Court-** On Monday, August 6, 2012, between 1:00 am and 7:30 am, a citizen was the victim of theft from motor vehicle. Officers were told an unknown person(s) entered the victim's three vehicles and stole a GPS unit and two checks. The suspects went through several tool bags but didn't take any of them. While investigating this complaint Officers located several additional vehicles which were also ransacked. All the vehicles were unlocked and the additional victim's reported they didn't have anything in their vehicles.

**5490 Gander Road South-** On Wednesday, August 8, 2012, between 10:00 pm and 8:10 am, a citizen was the victim of theft from motor vehicle. Officers arrived and were told the victim's vehicle was unlocked and unknown person(s) stole a book of checks from inside of the vehicle. At this time there is no suspect information.

**5383 Abby Loop Way-** On Wednesday, August 8, 2012, between 10:30 pm and 9:49 am, a citizen was the victim of theft from motor vehicle. Officers arrived and were told an unknown person stole a duffle bag, socket set and a Milwaukee saw case containing tools from the victim's unlocked vehicle. At this time there is no suspect information.

**5555 Widgeon Court-** On Thursday, August 9, 2012, between 1:30 am and 7:30 am, a citizen was the victim of theft. Officers arrived and were told a green and black "KONA" mountain bike with oversized 29" wheels was stolen from the bed of a truck. The bike was locked and the suspect(s) cut the lock and took the bike.



**200 Wayne Avenue-** On Thursday, August 8, 2012, between 11:30 pm and 1:30 am, a citizen was the victim of theft from motor vehicle. Officers found a vehicle which had a rear window shattered and upon locating an owner, officers were told climbing equipment, clothes, a concrete saw and a GPS unit were all stolen from the vehicle. At this time there is no suspect information.

**6949 Belleglade Drive-** On Friday, August 10, 2012, between 8:00 pm and 9:06 am, a citizen was the victim of theft from motor vehicle. Officers arrived and were told an unknown person entered the victim's unlocked vehicle and rummaged through everything. A partial print was located on the window and an evidence crew was requested.

**6348 Copper Pheasant Drive-** On Friday, August 10, 2012, between 9:15 pm and 8:15 am, a citizen was the victim of theft from motor vehicle. Officers arrived and were told an unknown person(s) entered the victim's unlocked vehicle and stole a wallet. There is no suspect information at this time.

**6928 Geyser Court-** On Saturday, August 11, 2012, between 12:00 am and 9:00 am, a citizen was the victim of theft from motor vehicle. Officers arrived and were told a wallet and DVD player were stolen from the victim's unlocked vehicle. There is no suspect information at this time.

#### **Vice Crimes:**

**1943 East Siebenthaler Avenue-**On Monday, August 6, 2012, at approximately 7:35 pm, Dana Davis-Bobbit was arrested for soliciting prostitution after offering a sexual act in exchange for money to a member of the Dayton Vice Crimes unit. She was arrested and transported to jail without incident.

#### Dana Davis-Bobbit 10/29/1975



**2931 East Third Street-** On Tuesday, August 7, 2012, at approximately 4:40 pm, Lindsay Ruth and Ilkhom Iskandarov were arrested for soliciting prostitution, prostitution, and loitering to engage in prostitution after members of the Dayton Vice Crimes unit observed Ilkhom pick up Ruth. The two were followed and later stopped. It was then discovered the two engaged in a sexual act in exchange for money.

**Lindsay Ruth 8/17/1982** 



Ilkhom Iskandarov 8/13/1979

