

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

If you see a crime being committed, report it immediately and accurately. If you are the victim of a crime, report it as soon as possible. Even a five minute delay in reporting can greatly reduce the chance of catching the criminal. Do not hesitate to call if you think something may be wrong. Do not worry about being embarrassed if your suspicions turn out to be unfounded. Think of what could happen if you don't act.

WRITE IT DOWN!

As soon as possible, write down everything you can remember. Do not rely on your memory. It is very easy to get things mixed up or forget details—especially if you were the victim. Be as exact as you can and try to avoid guessing. Wrong information is worse than no information at all. Keep the following description of persons and vehicles handy where you can find it if needed.

SITUATIONS INVOLVING PROPERTY

Property in homes, private garages, storage areas etc. is suspicious if accumulations are large or otherwise unusual, such as several TV sets in a garage, or if the items are in good condition but are not in use. Property not

normally found in vehicles may be suspicious if it is observed at unusual hours or locations, or if TV sets, stereos, un-mounted tape decks and auto parts are involved. Property that can be carried by persons on foot is not normally suspicious, unless it is at an unusual hour or in an unusual place. It is especially questionable if the person is running. It may be significant if the property is not wrapped (as if just purchased).

OTHER UNUSUAL SITUATIONS

A person switching vehicles, especially in a public place, may be “dumping” a stolen vehicle or may have just committed a crime.

Continuous repair operations at a non-business location may indicate illegal activities, such as stolen property being stripped, repainted or otherwise altered.

Open or broken doors or windows at a closed business or residence when the owners are absent, may signify a burglary in progress or already completed.

Large amounts of property in private homes or garages may be stolen property, especially if items are in good condition.



Unusual noises such as gunshots, screaming, sounds of combat, barking dogs or anything suggestive of foul play or illegal activity should be reported immediately to Police.

Persons detaching mechanical parts or accessories from a vehicle. Also, persons looking into vehicles and trying the door handles.

Heavy foot traffic to and from a residence or occupied vehicle. Also, offers of merchandise or services at extremely low prices. Be alert to an alarm sounding on a residence, business or vehicle.

A subject in a vehicle stopping to encounter a child or lure them to the vehicle. Also, a child resisting the advances of an adult.

Crimes in progress or suspicious activity, occurring now, should be immediately reported to 9-1-1.

SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES

- Vehicles, occupied, moving slowly on a street at unusual hours or making repetitive movements may be casing a neighborhood.
- Vehicles being loaded with valuables may signify a theft or burglary in progress.
- Abandoned vehicles may be stolen.
- Vehicles parked in remote areas may be involved with drug trafficking or usage, or sexual assault.

DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLE



License # _____

State _____

2 Door _____ 4 Door _____

Convertible _____ Sports Car _____

Truck _____ Van _____

Station Wagon _____ Motorcycle _____

Other/Misc _____

Make _____ Year _____

Full Size _____ Compact _____

Color-Top _____ Bottom _____

How many in vehicle _____

Male _____ Female _____

Unusual characteristics - dent(s), marks, lights, bumper stickers, stripes/graphics _____

Location last seen _____

Direction of flight _____

SUSPICIOUS PERSONS

Generally, anyone who seems slightly “out of place” for an area, or the time of day may be considered suspicious, and possibly indicate criminal activity. Any person(s) observed doing the following:

- Entering someone’s house, may be a burglar
- Jumping a fence into a yard
- Waiting in front of a house, particularly if owners are gone
- Peering into vehicles or trying handles, may be looking for a car to steal
- Entering or leaving a business after hours
- Soliciting door to door, refusing to present a business license
- Forcing entry or tampering with doors and windows of vehicles, residence or business
- Running, especially if something of value is being carried
- Loitering around schools, parks, etc., could be a sex offender
- Exhibiting unusual mental or physical symptoms, may be under the influence of drugs



DESCRIPTION OF PERSON

Male _____

Female _____

Race _____

Age _____

Height _____

Weight _____

Hair _____ Eyes _____

Tattoos _____

Other (glasses, jewelry, etc) _____

Weapon _____

Clothing _____

Build - (Heavy, Medium, Thin)

Location last seen _____

Last known direction of flight _____

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY



BAKERSFIELD POLICE

While some suspicious situations could have innocent explanations, the Bakersfield Police Department would rather be called to check out suspicious behavior or circumstances reported by citizens in an effort to deter crime.

TO REPORT :

Suspicious activity: (661) 327-7111

Crimes in Progress: 9-1-1

Graffiti Hotline 32-ERASE (323-7273)

BAKERSFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY RELATIONS UNIT

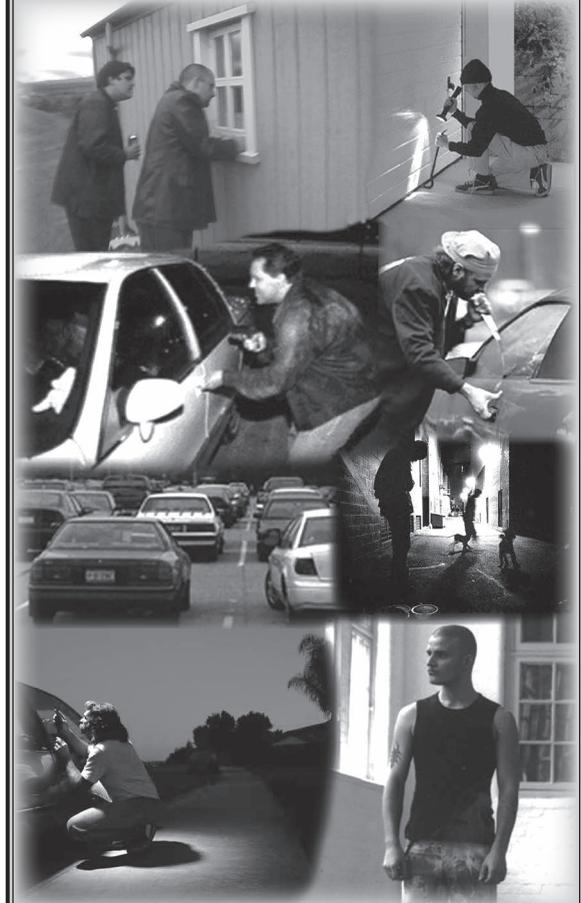
(661) 326-3053

EMAIL: BPDCommunity@bakersfieldpd.us

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:

http://www.bakersfieldcity.us/gov/depts/police/get_involved/community_relations_programs/default.htm

WHAT DOES “SUSPICIOUS” LOOK LIKE ?



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**FOR INFORMATION CALL:
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326-3053