

# HERCULES POLICE DEPARTMENT

## WATCH COMMANDER'S SHIFT REPORT



DATE: February 23-24, 2016

TIME: 0700-0700

DAY: Tues/Wed

**THE FOLLOWING CASES ONLY REFLECT A PARTIAL LIST OF ACTUAL CASES TAKEN. CALLS FOR SERVICE NOT GENERATING WRITTEN REPORTS ARE NOT USUALLY LISTED.**

**Warrant Arrest:** On February 23, 2016 at 8:11 a.m. an officer did a traffic stop, at the Shell gas station, for speeding. The driver, 23 year old Jihad Zakot of Hercules, was found to have a suspended or revoked driver's license. Zakot also had an outstanding Misdemeanor cite releasable Warrant, out of Sonoma County Sheriff's Office, issued on 02/19/2016. Zakot was cited and released on the Warrant.

**Theft by False Pretense:** On February 23, 2016, at 2:04 pm, an officer was dispatched to HPD for a lobby detail regarding a fraudulent vehicle purchase. The victim said he attempted to purchase a vehicle (2003 Honda) from Craigslist. The victim communicated with the seller via email and text. The victim sent the agreed amount, via money gram, to Oklahoma City, OK. The vehicle was supposed to be shipped, free of charge, to Hercules, but it never arrived. The victim was given a phone number for "Ebay buyer protection" but when called the person hung up on him. Investigation revealed the phone number was just registered to a carrier, and the names and addresses were fraudulent.

**Hit and Run vehicle collision:** On February 24, 2016 at 9:03 a.m. a supervisor handled an online police report regarding a hit and run to a parked vehicle. The reporting party lives in the 100 block of Decatur Ct. He stated on February 4, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. he noticed new collision damage to the left front quarter panel/bumper of his Black '14 Toyota Prius.

**Theft by False Pretenses:** On February 24, 2016 at 9:35 a.m. a supervisor handled an online police report regarding a theft by false pretenses. The reporting party stated on February 5, 2016 she applied, online, to be a mystery shopper. She received a money order, in the mail, for \$990.00 and was instructed to cash the money order using her bank account. The victim was then told to send the money to another party via Western Union. The victim sent the money and later learned the money

order was fraudulent and the money she deposited was withdrawn from her account. Further her account now has a negative balance. The victim believes the unknown suspect gained access to her checking account and money after she sent the money via Western Union.

**CRIME PREVENTION TIP:** This type of fraud is very prevalent with people applying, on line, for Mystery Shoppers, at Home Sales, etc. The scammers send the victim a money order, check, or even a cashier's check. The victim is instructed to put the money in their bank account. Then the victim is told to send all, or part of the money back to the sender, or another party. The money conveyances look real, but are often counterfeit. Before you send any money, make sure the check, or money order has cleared the bank. Anytime someone wants you to send their money back, or to someone else, it should be a red flag.

**Hit and Run vehicle collision:** On February 24, 2016 at 10:24 a.m. a supervisor handled an online police report regarding a hit and run to a parked vehicle. The reporting party stated she was visiting a friend here in the 300 block of Scotts Valley. She parked her car on February 21, 2016. When she returned to her car on February 23, 2016 she noticed new collision damage to the left front quarter panel.

**Auto Burglary x 2:** On February 24, 2016 at 12:49 p.m. an officer was dispatched to a lobby detail to take an auto burglary report. The reporting party lives in the 2200 block of Forest Run. She stated her Tan '94 Honda Accord has been the victim of two recent auto burglaries. On February 2, 2016 the reporting party found the trunk open and her two front doors unlocked. A number of miscellaneous items were taken. She did not report this Burglary to HPD, only to her HOA. On February 24, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. The reporting party found her driver's side door open ajar. The two front doors were again found unlocked. Boyle found a number of items missing from the interior.

**Harassing Phone Calls/IRS Scam:** On February 24, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. a male called Hercules Police Department, main office, using profane language with the civilian call takers. The male had an accent, and called approximately 15 times. The phone number came back to a resident in Pinole. Officers contacted the person to whom the phone number belonged (victim). The victim did not have an accent and his voice did not match the caller. The victim said he has received numerous calls, today, from a male with a heavy accent. The male said he was with the IRS and the victim owed the IRS a lot of money. The caller told the victim he was going to send Police Officers to his house to arrest him if he did not pay money. The suspect spoofed the victim's cell phone number and used the number to call the Hercules Police Department. The Police Department

was harassed in an attempt to get Officers to actually go to the victim's house and scare him into paying.

**CRIME PREVENTION TIP:** This appears to up another version of the IRS Scam. Citizens should know the IRS **DOES NOT** phone people when they owe taxes. They certainly do not ask you pay your back taxes with a pre-paid cash card, or by sending a money-gram. The IRS scammer often tries to intimidate their victim's by telling them there is a warrant out for the victim's arrest; the police are on their way to arrest the victim; or the Child Protective Services is going to take the victim's children away. **THIS IS NOT THE PRACTICE OF THE IRS.** The scammer is trying to scare the victim in to paying money they do not owe.

**Court Order Violation:** On February 24, 2016, at about 8:50 pm, Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 1200 block of Willow Ave for an unwanted, and restrained, 29 year old male. It was confirmed there was a valid court order on file requiring the male to stay 100 yards away from the protected/ reporting party. Shane Jackson was placed under arrest for being in violation of the court order and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility.

**Theft of Catalytic Converter:** On February 25, 2016, at about 5:04 am, an Officer took a report that was submitted on-line for a theft of a catalytic converter. The incident occurred in the 1300 block of Willow Ave (the BART lot). The victim said he parked his 2002 gold Toyota Tacoma in the lot at about 8:00 pm Thursday last night. When he returned about an hour later, he saw that Catalytic converter was missing.

**Auto Burglar:** On February 25, 2016, at about 5:45 am, an Officer responded to a report of an auto burglary in the 100 block of Stone Pine Ct. The victim said his 2003 Toyota Camry,, parked in front of his residence, was burglarized sometime between 2/24/16 at 6:01 pm and 2/25/16 at 5:39 am. Taken was a set of Calloway golf clubs.

**No Trespassing Signs Posted at Hercules Point:** The point of land, just West of Bay Front, is known as Hercules Point; and is owned by the City of Hercules. This area has been used as a fishing spot; and recently has been used by transients to set up illegal camp sites. As of February 25, 2016 formal "**NO TRESPASSING**" signs have been posted for the entire Hercules Point area. Violators will be issued a citation.