



Crime Report – July 2016

Residents of Hedwig Village,

You are receiving this Crime Report because you are on the city of Hedwig Village email list. It is meant to provide you with information on what is taking place in your community. This information should be used to help protect you and your family from becoming a victim of crime. You can also see crime incident information at any time by visiting www.CrimeReports.com.

On behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Hedwig Village Police Department, I would like to express sincere thanks and gratitude for the tremendous expressions of support and encouragement we have received during this most difficult time in Law Enforcement. Your cards, letters, cookies, cakes and everything else brought to the station really show our employees that their efforts are appreciated.

Protestors

Some of you may have seen protestors carrying signs and chanting in front of the police station on two occasions, July 21st and 31st. The protestors were the family of Darrall Thomas. On May 31, 2016, Mr. Thomas was breaking into the ATM machine at the Bank of America and fled when spotted by our officers. He was captured on the bank of the bayou, complained of being unable to breathe and died soon after. We have learned from the Medical Examiner that Mr. Thomas death was ruled 'accidental' due to the toxic effects of having amphetamines and n-ethylpentylone (commonly known as bath salts) in his system. These drugs are psychostimulants and cause the heart to get excited. This was amplified by the running from the police, resulting in his heart giving out.

I have personally spoken with the protestors, including Mr. Thomas' mother, and have been very open with them about the investigation. I also explained to them that the police officers and paramedics did everything possible that night to save Mr. Thomas' life.

In July 2016, we had the following criminal incidents in the Residential District of Hedwig Village:

Theft from a Motor Vehicle

On July 27, 2016, some commercial lawn equipment was stolen from a trailer in the Memorial Green Apartments.

Criminal Mischief

On July 1, 2016, a side window was broken out of a vehicle in the Memorial Grove Apartments.

In the Commercial Districts, we had the following criminal incidents in July 2016:

1 Assault
1 Burglary of a Business
5 Burglaries of Motor Vehicles
2 Criminal Mischief (damage to property)
2 Forgeries
7 Thefts (5 shopliftings, 2 other thefts)

Your police department arrested 25 persons in July for the following charges (note: some persons had more than one charge):

Outstanding Warrants - 10
Possession of Marijuana - 3
Driving While Intoxicated - 3
Possession of a Controlled Substance (Cocaine) - 1
Possession of a Controlled Substance (Ecstasy) - 2
Possession of a Controlled Substance (Xanax) - 1
Driving While License Invalid/No Driver's License - 1
Public Intoxication - 2
Drug Paraphernalia - 1
Failure to Identify - 1
Forgery - 1
Interfering with Emergency Call - 1
Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon (pistol) - 1

If you know another Hedwig Village resident who would like to receive these emails please refer them to the following link for signup - <https://thecityofhedwigvillage.com/enotificationform.html>

Along with this information, there are some simple things you can do to protect you and your property: always lock the doors to your house, garage and vehicles; keep items out of view inside your vehicle whether shopping or at home; and the most important - be aware of your surroundings and **in the event anything seems wrong or out of place call the police department immediately.** Please review the Hedwig Village Police Department Safety Guide at the following link for more valuable crime prevention tips <https://www.thecityofhedwigvillage.com/documents/2014/HVPD%20Personal%20Safety%20Guide.pdf>

In the event you want to commend the actions of a specific police department employee or have any questions or concerns you can contact me personally by calling the department at (713) 461-4797, or by e-mail at dgott@thecityofhedwigvillage.com

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