



## SOUTHWEST PRECINCT PUBLIC SAFETY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Community Friends,

### CASE SUMMARY BY DETECTIVE GARCIA February 2008 Robbery & Assault Case:

Detective Garcia investigated a stabbing and attempted robbery of an adult male victim at 8<sup>th</sup> Ave South & S. Cloverdale. Summary: On 01/27/08 at approximately 0200 hrs, adult male victim is assaulted and stabbed while walking home during a failed street robbery. The suspects flee and the victim sustains a serious stabbing wound to the stomach.

A short time later, the stabbing suspect is stopped and arrested by patrol officers and the knife is found and recovered on the suspect. Detective Garcia received the case for follow up and interviewed the victim at the hospital. Detective Garcia obtained additional DNA evidence from the victim to match with evidence found on the suspect and the recovered knife. Detective Garcia worked up the case and filed felony assault charges and the prosecutor's office is considering prosecuting the juvenile suspect as an adult due to the nature of the crime.

### Assault & Theft of Services Case:

Investigated an assault and theft of services case at the "Queens Nail" salon at 1616 SW Roxbury. Summary: On 01/28/08 at approximately 1730 hrs, three juvenile females get manicure services and try to flee without paying. As they try to flee, the shop owner tries to stop them and is assaulted. A customer comes to the aid of the shop owner is also assaulted.

Detective Garcia received the case for follow-up and identify all three juvenile suspects. Suspect photomontages are shown to two victims and one witness and all the suspects are positively identified. Detective Garcia filed charges for felony assault and theft of services on all three. The case was forwarded to the King County Juvenile Prosecutors Office.

### CREATING SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

Neighborhood Security encompasses a lot of different ideas and strategies. However, the unifying element is the need for neighbors to work both as individuals and as a coordinated team.

If your neighborhood is having chronic problems with nuisances such as noise and speeding, or

more serious problems such as drug or gang activities, you are not powerless to change the situation. The immediate role of the police is to respond to criminal activity, but when a situation is part of a recurring problem, active neighbors help investigations and allow police to take further action.

Your response can, as well as that of your neighbor, make a difference. Often times the partnership between neighbors and police are required to resolve the problem.

### WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

- ❑ **Use Home Security Methods** - There are easy ways to protect your house from becoming an easy target for burglars.
- ❑ **Report Crime** – Do not assume that your neighbors have already reported the crime or that the police already know what is going on.
- ❑ **Do Not Be Part of the Problem** - when you live in a residential neighborhood, others feel your actions. By not speeding, maintaining your house and property, and being thoughtful about noise levels, sets a standard of behavior for others in your neighborhood to follow.

### WHAT CAN NEIGHBORS DO?

- ❑ **Organize A Block Watch Meeting** - an active Block Watch may be the most important tool you have to reclaim your neighborhood, or to stop problems before they get too serious.
- ❑ **Be A Good Neighbor** - Meet your neighbors, keep a watchful eye on the neighborhood and report suspicious activities to the police.
- ❑ **Keep A Log** - If your neighborhood is experiencing chronic problems, keeping records of where, when and what kind of activity occurred will help later, especially if there is a criminal prosecution and/or need to establish a pattern of nuisance behavior for a civil case.

### Police Blotter, Megan Sheppard, West Seattle Herald

<http://www.westseattleherald.com/news/police%20blotter/>

This web page is update every week on Wednesday.

### West Seattle Blog, Tracy Record, Editor

[http://westseattleblog.com/blog/?page\\_id=4988](http://westseattleblog.com/blog/?page_id=4988)

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### Seattle Police Department main web page

<http://www.seattle.gov/police/>

### Southwest Precinct Web-page

<http://www.seattle.gov/police/Precincts/Southwest/default.htm>

### Seattle Police Crime Statistics

<http://www.seattle.gov/police/crime/stats.htm>

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