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LOS BANOS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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2012 Crime Statistics

In 2012, the City of Los Banos experienced a crime reduction in all areas except larcenies. Many of these thefts involved reports of shoplifting and property stolen from vehicles. Locally, our statistics show a majority of the property reported stolen included: cellular telephones, purses, portable GPS devices, laptop computers, cameras and other personal property.

The Department maintains its belief that when citizens work with the Police Department to report crime, keep their property secure, and pass on crime tips, our community can be a safer place

“This is one area we really need the public’s help with. Valuables should not be left in cars or unsecured on your property. Potential thieves look for easy opportunities and often times the property you pay a lot of money for will be sold for meer dollars on the streets.”

-Ray Reyna, Police Commander

Residents can reduce their risk of becoming a victim by following these simple tips:

- 🛡️ Always keep your doors locked.
- 🛡️ Keep valuables out of sight and whenever possible do not store them in your vehicle.
- 🛡️ Utilize outside lighting and install motion sensors.
- 🛡️ Investigate strange outside noises from a safe location or neighborhood dogs that suddenly begin to bark.
- 🛡️ Work with your neighbors to embrace some form of a neighborhood watch system and report suspicious activity to the Police Department.

- Record the make, model, and serial number of all the valuable property at your residence.

In 2012, the Department experienced one reportable homicide, involving an elderly male victim who lived in the 400 Block of I Street. The suspect was arrested the same day by Los Banos Police Detectives and is currently in custody awaiting court proceedings.

Last year, the Department joined several social media groups such as Nixel, Facebook, and Twitter, as a means of reaching the public with important crime information and news releases. We also made crime mapping available on our web site as a means of keeping the public informed about crime in their neighborhood.

The chart below details 2012 crime statistics compared to 2011 and the percentage change between years.

Los Banos Police 2011-2012 Crime Statistics	Difference 2011-2012		
	2011	2012	
Homicide	3	1	-66.67%
Rape	8	0	-100.00%
Robbery	29	24	-17.24%
Aggravated Assault	129	117	-9.30%
Burglary	397	340	-14.36%
Larceny	677	775	14.48%
Motor Vehicle Theft	106	94	-11.32%
Grand Totals	1349	1351	0.15%

“I’m pleased to see the decreases this year. Crimes of violence are always the most troubling, positive changes in those areas are important to me. Police Department staff continue to do great work for this community and I’m encouraged; 2013 will be an even better year for Los Banos.”

-Gary Brizzee, Chief of Police

To leave an anonymous crime tip call **209-827-7070 Ext. 288**. If you have access to a computer and the internet you can also leave an anonymous tip at the Police Department’s web page at www.losbanos.org. At the bottom of the “Contact” page

simply click on the “report graffiti and other crime” link or visit the Merced Area Crime Stoppers by telephone at 1-855-725-2420, or at www.mercedareacrimestoppers.org

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