

Citizens are requested to assist with criminal investigations.

The Wood County Sheriff's Department is asking citizens to be vigilant with regard to the growing number of burglaries and thefts occurring in Wood County. Although the department strives to patrol all areas of the county, it has limited resources. The sheriff requests that you contact the department any time you notice any suspicious activity in your neighborhood. As a resident, you know which vehicles belong in your area and things that are not normal for where you live.

If you feel something is not right, don't hesitate. Contact the sheriff's department so they can respond and identify the situation. Call 903-763-2201.

Also, don't forget that Wood County Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards for information that leads to the arrest of a fugitive wanted in a case. When you call 903-763-CASH, the information you give to Crime Stoppers is confidential and you can remain anonymous.

When you give information, you will receive a special reference number for your call. You can use this number at a later date if your information leads to an arrest. You do not give your name. Crime Stoppers may pay a reward up to \$1,000 for information on any warrant that leads to an arrest and indictment.

July 8th: Deputies were dispatched to a residence on Holiday Village Drive in Quitman with regard to a criminal mischief report. The complainant advised that unknown suspect(s) had damaged the complainant's mailbox. The mailbox had been twisted off its steel post. The case is under investigation.

July 7th: Deputies made contact with a complainant in Dallas with regard to criminal mischief involving the complainant's 2006 black Hummer H-3. The complainant advised that over the weekend, the vehicle was parked at a business on FM 515 and FM 17 in Yantis. The complainant advised that a friend overheard the suspect in the case bragging about scratching the hood of the complainant's vehicle. The estimated cost of the damage to the vehicle's hood is over \$1,000. The case is under investigation.

July 6th: Deputies were dispatched to FM 515 with regard to a burglary. The complainant advised that suspect(s) had removed a cash register and the cash that was inside. The complainant advised that he had noticed that a sliding glass window had been tampered with because the screen had been removed. The case is under investigation.

July 5th: Deputies were dispatched to PR 5657 in Alba with regard to the theft of an ATV. The complainant advised that unknown suspect(s) had stolen an ATV from the residence while the complainant was away on vacation. The ATV was not locked up and the key had been left in the ignition. The case is under investigation.

On the same date, deputies contacted a complainant by Public Service at the complainant's house in Denton. The complainant advised that unknown suspect(s) had removed his fishing equipment from his boat. The case is under investigation.

July 4th: Deputies were dispatched to FM 69 in Como at approximately 11:30 p.m. with regard to a disturbance. The complainant advised that she was pushed several times and grabbed by the throat by the suspect. The complainant received several abrasions on her legs as a result of the assault. Jason Allen Lybrand was arrested for assault/family violence.

July 3rd: Deputies were dispatched to PR 5881 in Yantis with regard to a stolen firearm. The complainant advised that unknown suspect(s) had entered his home and removed a 12-gauge shotgun. There were no signs of forced entry into the home. The case is under investigation.

On the same date, deputies were dispatched to CR 1681 in Alba at approximately 8:30 p.m. with regard to a burglary. The complainant advised that unknown suspect(s) had entered the

residence and removed several household items. The complainant advised that the front and back doors were open on the arrival of the complainant at the residence. There were no signs of forced entry. The case is under investigation.

July 2nd: Deputies were requested by a public service complainant with regard to his neighbor's pit bull mix attacking the complainant's livestock, a goat. The dog's owner was issued a citation (warning) that prohibits the dog from running at large. The dog was current on its rabies vaccination.

Summary of calls this period: Agency assist, 7; alarms, 10; animals, 20; assault, 1; burglary, 3; civil disputes, 2; criminal mischief, 8; criminal trespass, 3; disturbances, 12; harassment, 5; threats, 2; theft, 6; suspicious vehicles, 5; suspicious persons, 1; traffic stops, 3; welfare check, 5.

Total calls this period: 152.

During the period, there were 80 males, and 11 females at the Wood County Jail for a total of 91.

There were 35 bookings and 37 releases.

July 1st: Deputies were dispatched to CR 1609 in Alba with regard to a report of criminal mischief. The complainant advised that unknown suspect(s) had damaged their mailbox.

On the same date, deputies were dispatched to the lobby of the sheriff's department to meet with a complainant with regard to an assault. While deputies were speaking to the complainant, the suspect in the assault had already been arrested for public intoxication and was in the Wood County Jail. The complainant advised that the suspect was Cash McCall Vaness of Kingwood who had attacked the complainant without warning. This unprovoked assault was confirmed by a witness who advised that Vaness was intoxicated and attacked the complainant without warning.

June 30th: Deputies were dispatched to PR 6965 in Alba with regard to the burglary of a motor vehicle. The complainant advised that unknown suspect(s) had moved the complainant's vehicle from where it is normally parked. The complainant's residence had been broken into earlier in the week and a purse that contained cash and the keys to the vehicle had been taken. The case is under investigation.

June 29th: While on patrol on CR 2231 at approximately 10 p.m., deputies observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. When the deputies turned around to make a traffic stop, the vehicle tried to elude them by making a quick turn on CR 2230. A traffic stop was made plus contact with the driver. On checking, it was found that there were arrest warrants on the driver out of Hunt and Wood counties and the driver was placed under arrest. On further investigation, several baggies containing a controlled substance were located. Both Melissa Ann Nevarez and Wesley James Nevarez were arrested for the manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance.

June 28th: Deputies were dispatched to FM 1254 in Mineola with regard to a burglary. The complainant advised that over the past few months, several items have been missing from the complainant's home. The complainant advised that there had been no forced entry to the home. The case is under investigation.

June 27th: Deputies were dispatched to PR 6232 in Mineola with regard to an assault. The complainant advised that his brother had assaulted him and had left the residence prior to the arrival of the deputies. The complainant advised that he had been struck in the cheek and received a chipped tooth. While they were at the residence, the complainant's brother returned. The complainant received a protective order and Jonathan Clay Szitar was arrested for assault

by contact plus two outstanding warrants for speeding and having no seat belt.

On the same date, deputies were dispatched to Hwy 154 west in Yantis with regard to a report of criminal mischief. The complainant advised that unknown suspect(s) had flattened two of the tires on her vehicle. The case is under investigation.

Also on this date, deputies were dispatched to CR 1591 in Alba with regard to a burglary. The complainant advised that unknown suspect(s) had entered his residence and removed several items valued at under \$200.

June 26th: Deputies were dispatched to FM 515 in Winnsboro with regard to a stolen vehicle. The complainant advised that a pickup that he had borrowed from a friend had been stolen at approximately 12:15 a.m. by unknown suspect(s). The case is under investigation.

On the same date, deputies were dispatched to a structure fire at CR 2306 in Mineola. The complainant advised that her dog had begun barking at about 2 a.m. and she looked out and saw her neighbor's home on fire. The homeowner, Ed Galindez, was not at home at the time of the fire and had just recently purchased the home. The home was insured.

Summary of calls this period: Agency assist, 4; alarms, 8; animal calls, 12; assaults, 7; burglary, 5; civil disputes, 5; criminal mischief, 7; criminal trespass, 6; disturbances, 1; harassment, 2; threats, 3; theft, 4; suspicious vehicles, 3; suspicious person, 1; traffic stops, 4; welfare checks, 2.

Total calls this period: 111.

There were 82 males and 14 females at the Wood County Jail during the period. The bookings numbered 27 and there were 22 releases.