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## Storm Chasers

It's the time of year for thunderstorms, high winds, hail and...scammers out to take your money.

Storm Chasers show up after the storm, ready to fix your roof. They come to your house, without you having called them, offering prices too good to be true.

The Storm Chasers take advantage of homeowners anxious to get their roofs fixed as soon as possible. Most of these scammers don't even live in the area. They simply slap a magnetic sign on their truck and claim to be a roofing contractor.

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## **BOLO...BOLO...BOLO...**

### PSO Imposter

**White male in all brown khaki clothing, 25-35 years of age 5'11"-6'00", 170-180 lbs. He has brown hair and was clean shaved with a piercing underneath his bottom lip in the middle.**

**Last seen driving an older green car.**

### Crime Tip

Beware of 900 numbers. Remember, if you call a 900 number to claim a "prize," you are up paying for the call. These 900 numbers may be overseas and have huge fees per minute. Whoever answers will keep you on the line as long as possible to run up the charges.

### From the Major's Desk...

A healthy dose of skepticism can be a good thing. If something sounds too good to be true, it likely is. If something doesn't feel quite right, trust your instincts. Remember that legitimate utility workers and police officers will either wear an official uniform or have photo identification.

It's a scam.

Don't fall for it!



Panhandlers. We see them regularly along the roadways, particularly at exits ramps from the expressways. These folks usually look down on their luck. They hold signs that say such things as "Will work for food" "Anything Helps" or "Homeless Vet".

Here's the real truth. These individuals are making a lot of money playing on the sympathy of generous citizens. Their take by the hour exceeds that of many hard working citizens. It's common for a beggar to collect \$30 to \$40 per hour.

Many beggars have lengthy criminal records, and will resort to intimidation to obtain cash.

What happens to the money? In some cases, professional beggars return to their nearby cars and drive home after a few hours. The intentionally homeless most often spend the money on liquor or illicit drugs.

Tulsa is a generous city. There are many services available for those needing assistance. If you wish to help, please give your donations to one of our fine churches or service organizations. Organizations such as Catholic Charities, the Salvation Army and John 3:16 provide food and shelter to those in need.

**The roadside beggars will remain as long as people continue to give them money.**

*Find your beat →*

The Riverside Division covers a large portion of south and west Tulsa. Generally, we serve citizens south of 11<sup>th</sup> Street and west of Sheridan Road to the city limits.

George, Henry and Ida are the names of the 3 squad areas in the Division. Each squad contains 5 beats.

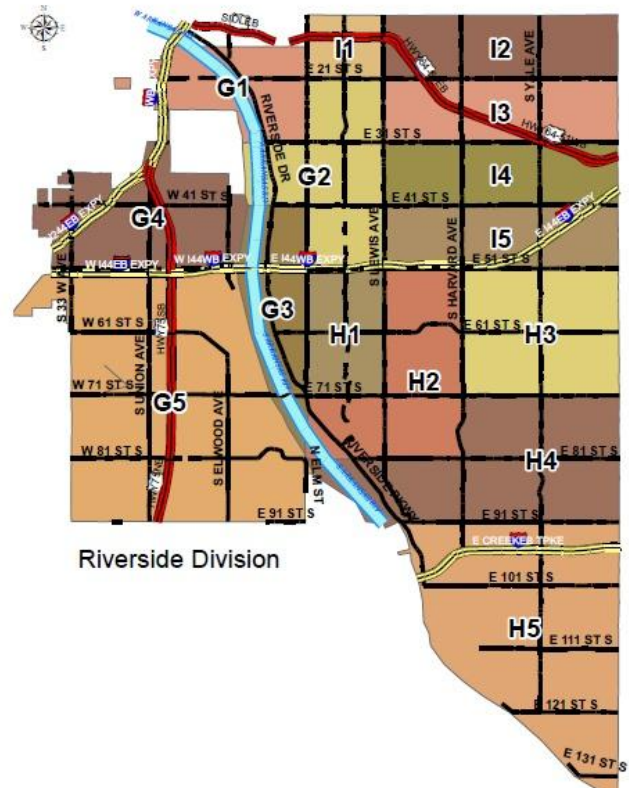
### Storm Chasers (Continued from Page 1)

Warranties offered by Storm Chasers are usually worthless. They have no insurance coverage for damage or injury occurring on your property.

All roofing contractors in Oklahoma are required to be registered with the Oklahoma Construction Industries Board (CIB). This includes contractors from out of state. **Insist on seeing the CIB registration of any roofing contractor wanting to work on your roof.**

To obtain the registration, contractors must submit their qualifications, show evidence of liability insurance of no less than \$500,000.00, and show evidence of workers' compensation insurance coverage.

You can confirm CIB registration by name, business, or number online at <http://www.ok.gov/cib/>.



# Crime Bulletin

**Homicide**  
Most homicides in Tulsa have nothing to do with the average citizen of Tulsa. Usually, homicide victims have some relationship to their killer.

**Sexual Assault**  
Sexual assaults committed by strangers are rare. Most sexual assaults involve domestic or acquaintance situations. To protect the privacy of victims, only sexual assault by stranger information will be provided.

**Robbery**  
Robbery is the taking of property from a person or business where force or fear is used. Weapons may or may not be involved.

## 1 Homicide in the Riverside Division last week

On Monday May 9<sup>th</sup>, Kimberly Ann Ragland was found shot to death in Heller Park, 5328 South Wheeling Avenue. Detectives are seeking to interview persons of interest, James Earl Darten and Frankie Lee Holiday.

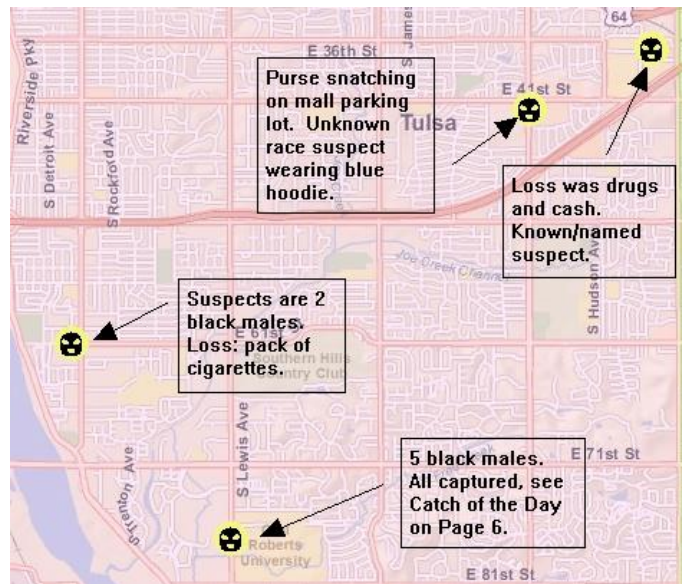
## No Stranger Sexual Assaults in the Riverside Division last week

We still want you to watch for the suspect we described in the last newsletter. He attempted to sexually assault a woman on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Suspect: Indian or Hispanic male, 25-30 years old, 5' 7", 250-300 lbs.** His hair is described as black with auburn or red highlights, bowl shaped haircut 2-3 inches long. He is said to have a fat face.

If you have any information Contact: Det. Marnie Waller (918) 596-9152.

## 5 Individual Robberies in Riverside Division last week



Carjacking (not mapped) at 15<sup>th</sup> and Elwood Ave. Suspects were 1 white male and 1 black male armed with a shotgun. Loss was a green Chevrolet Blazer.

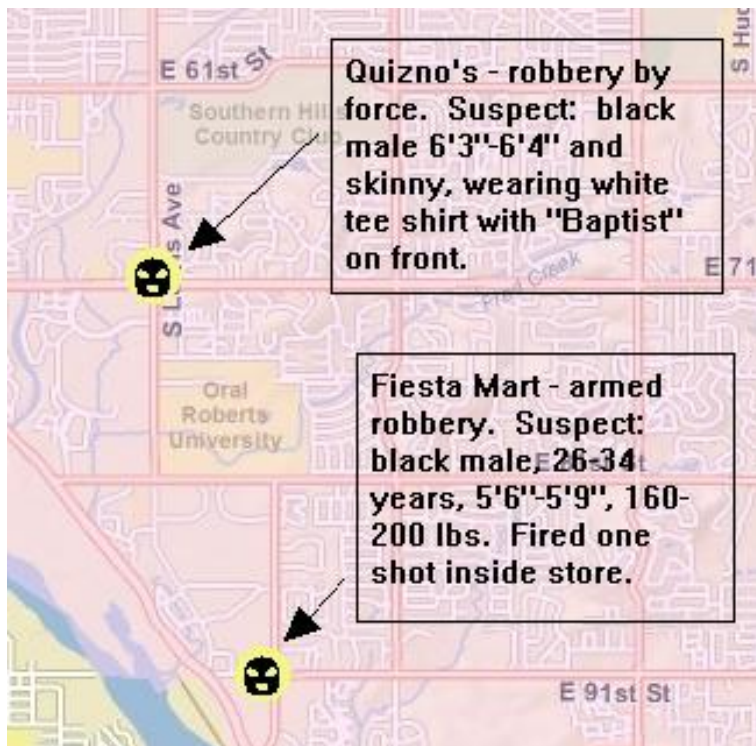
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Home Invasion robberies are almost always related to drug dealing, gambling, or certain knowledge of money in the home.

## No Home Invasion Robberies in the Riverside Division last week

## 2 Commercial Robberies in the Riverside Division last week

We will report Commercial and Individual Robberies to you separately.



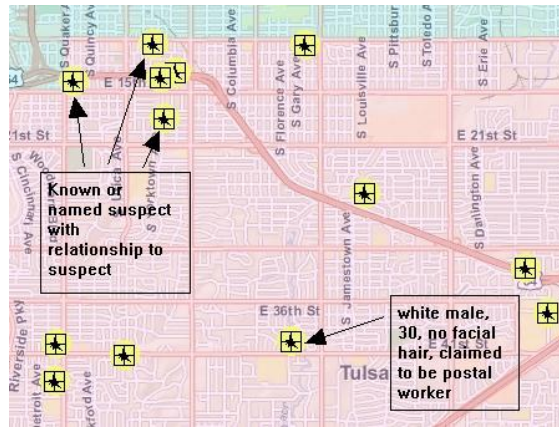
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Burglary is the breaking and entry into homes, businesses, and other structures for the purpose of committing a crime.

Residential burglaries usually occur in the daytime when most residents are not home. Most burglars do not want to confront someone in the home. The most common tactic is to knock and see if someone answers the door. The suspect asks for directions or a non-existent person. If no one answers, the burglar breaks into the home.

Commercial burglaries generally occur when businesses are closed, at night or on weekends and holidays.

## 28 Residential Burglaries in the Riverside Division last week

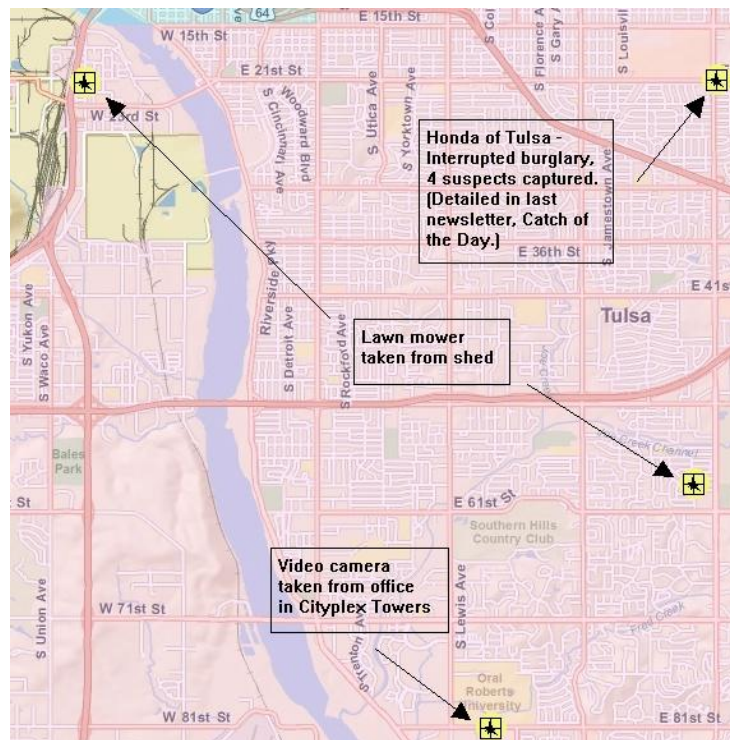


We only had one suspect seen by witnesses last week, the white male near 38<sup>th</sup> and Florence Ave. He might be the same guy highlighted in BOLO section on page 1.

The primary things taken are flat screen televisions. Record your serial numbers!



## 4 Commercial Burglaries in the Riverside Division last week



# Crime Bulletin

Auto Theft is the larceny of vehicles as well as heavy equipment such as bulldozers.

We also include recovery of vehicles in the Division that were stolen outside of Tulsa.

## 12 Auto Thefts in the Riverside Division last week



We had 3 cars taken from hospital parking lots last week. 3 of last week's auto thefts were by family members or acquaintances. Keys were available or in the car in 3 other thefts.

## Introducing Officer Elliott



Officer Michael Elliott is in his 5<sup>th</sup> year of service to the citizens of Tulsa. He is certified as a Mental Health Responding Officer. He continues to enhance his job knowledge by attending optional training sessions. He volunteered for the Safe City Initiative in 2007 and received a letter of commendation for his efforts.

Throughout his career, Officer Elliott has displayed special concerns for the safety and well being of children. He regularly participates in child car seat safety programs. He often tops

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## Catch of the Day...

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, shortly before 6:00 am officers were responding to the report of several vehicles being burglarized near 74<sup>th</sup> and Lewis when Dispatch advised them that an armed robbery had just occurred nearby. Arriving officers saw the robbery suspects fleeing on foot. Officers caught five subjects at 8000 South Wheeling Ave.

The robbery victim positively identified the five subjects as the persons who robbed her at knifepoint, taking her cash. The suspects were caught with knives, the victim's cash, as well as loot from the earlier car burglaries.

**18-year-old Melvin Dixon Jr. and 4 younger juveniles were arrested and booked on charges of Robbery and Burglary From Vehicle.** The 4 juveniles were also charged with Curfew Violation.



Melvin Dixon Jr.

# Upcoming Events

## May 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>

Mayfest

Downtown Tulsa

Street Closings:

3rd Street, Cincinnati to Boulder

4th Street, Boulder to Boston

5th Street, Boulder to Boston

6th Street, Boston to Main

Boston, 3rd to 4<sup>th</sup>

Main, 3rd to 6<sup>th</sup>

May 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm – May 22<sup>nd</sup> midnight

## May 20<sup>th</sup>

Brookside Undie Run

Street Closing: Peoria, 31<sup>st</sup> to 36<sup>th</sup> Pl.

May 20<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

## May 21<sup>st</sup>

Bruhouse Bar & Grill Beach Party

3421 South Peoria Avenue

Street Closing: 35th Street at Peoria

May 21<sup>st</sup> 8:00 am - May 22<sup>nd</sup> noon

## May 28<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Michael J Garner Renal Run

Cain's Ballroom

Street Closings: Main St from Cain's to John Hope

Franklin Blvd., Greenwood, John Hope Franklin to

Oklahoma.

May 28<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm

## June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Kidney Klassic 5k Run

Veteran's Park

Street Closings: Boulder from 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>

Street Bridge, Riverside from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> 3:00 pm – 8:30 pm

## **I244 Bridge Replacement Project**

For a current description of lane and ramp closures, go to the ODOT webpage.

<http://www.okladot.state.ok.us/newsmedia/traffic/tulsa/>

You can see a detailed view of the project at

[http://www.okladot.state.ok.us/newsmedia/tulsa\\_i244-bridge/pdfs/i-244\\_arkansas\\_river\\_bridge\\_detour-map.pdf](http://www.okladot.state.ok.us/newsmedia/tulsa_i244-bridge/pdfs/i-244_arkansas_river_bridge_detour-map.pdf)

## Officer Elliott *(Continued from Page 6)*

the Traffic Safety List for Child Restraint Enforcement. He also participated in the Tulsa Tough Bike Giveaway Program.

Officer Elliott was one of the officers laid off in January of 2010. Officer Elliott suffered through the layoff but showed his dedication to the citizens of Tulsa when he answered the call to return to work on July 16, 2010. After returning, he resumed his excellent police work at the Riverside Division.

Officer Elliott has two children, ages 19 and 9. During his free time he enjoys hanging out with his boys, working out and shooting hoops.



## The Traffic Signal

Information from the Riverside Traffic Unit

### **When are you required to file a written report of a collision?**

Oklahoma State Traffic Law states:

"When it is apparent that damage to one vehicle or other property is in excess of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) the operator of the vehicle is required to file a state collision report. A law enforcement officer (in the regular course of duty) shall prepare a written report when the damage amount exceeds Five Hundred Dollars (\$500)."