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Click it or Ticket!

The Tulsa Police Department is participating in the national Click It or Ticket campaign. On Memorial Day, the Riverside Traffic Unit issued 73 seatbelt citations at a checkpoint. The goal is to save lives by enforcing the requirement to wear seatbelts. The driver and front seat passengers of a passenger vehicle are required to wear a properly adjusted seat belt. The compliance rate in Oklahoma is about 85%. The campaign runs through June 5th. Buckle up and encourage your loved ones to do the same. You'll save the cost of a \$25 ticket and may just save a life.

BOLO...BOLO...BOLO...



Do you know this person?
Call Crime Stoppers 918-596-COPS



On April 15th a home in the 2400 Block of East 49th Street was burglarized. The suspects took several items including checks. This person used the checks at area stores.

Crime Tip

Do not ever leave children or pets locked inside your vehicle. Within minutes, the inside temperature can reach 120 degrees on warm day and over 200 degrees on a hot day. Report children or pets left in hot cars immediately by calling 911.

From the Major's Desk...

Tuesday, May 31, was a most unusual day for the TPD community. The days' events started at 10 in Prue and continued to a Tulsa residence within the Riverside Division near 21st and Yale. Within moments of arriving on the call, our officers were fired upon and subsequently chased a suspect to the Wal-Mart Neighborhood

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Frisco 4500 Meteor train moves to Route 66 Village June 4th and 5th

In 1957 the Frisco Railroad donated a huge steam engine to Tulsa for static display in Mohawk Park. It stood there under a canopy for visitors to see until 1986 when it was moved out of the park to Owasso to make room for improvements. A group tried to rescue it, but failed and the train rusted. In 2003 the City of Tulsa advertised it for sale as junk for the salvage. Within hours a group formed to rescue the train again and they were successful. Over the last 8 years a small group of volunteers restored the mighty engine, an 80' long passenger car and a 40' long drover style caboose. All of these are awaiting a move to a Vision 2025 project at **3770 Southwest Boulevard**. The project is being developed by a small group of people interested in bringing back some of Tulsa's history.

On Saturday, June 4th, the City of Tulsa will block Southwest Boulevard at Union and 23rd streets at 8:00 am detouring traffic around on West 41st Street. Crews will build a railroad spur across the road to the Tulsa-Sapulpa Union (TSU) track on

Saturday. It may take from 4 to 10 hours. On Sunday morning the TSU crews will pick up the train cars and engine at the Holly Refinery and deliver them to the Village. After they are delivered the crews will dismantle the track and return Southwest Boulevard to normal condition. Then, the City will open the Southwest Boulevard to traffic again.

This is a historic event for the City and what better place to see, and visit with, a historic group of people who served our city well. If you want to watch the track building and train move you are welcome.



Have a question?

Send us your question at [TPD Riverside News](#)
We'll answer in an upcoming newsletter.

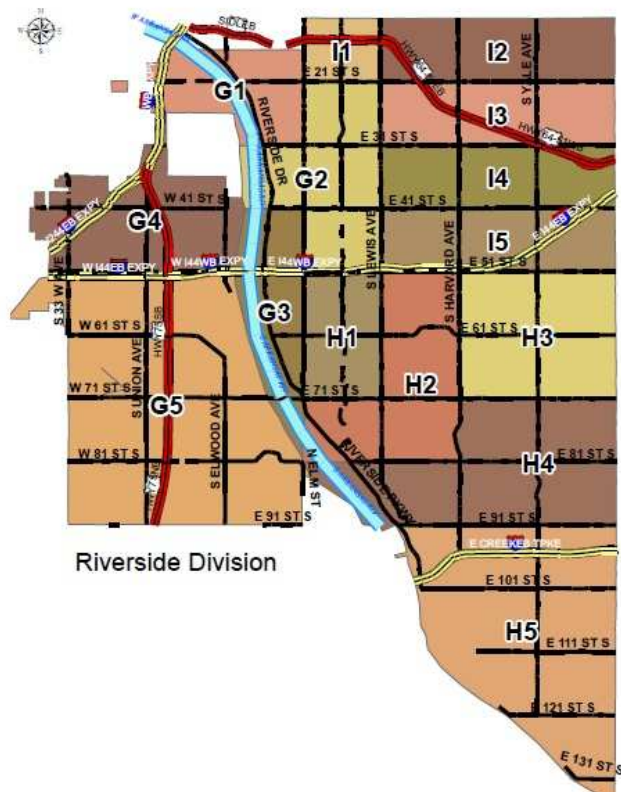
Q: Is there a 30 day grace period to renew your tag?

A: The Oklahoma Tax Commission does not assess a fine when renewing the tag in the first 30 days after expiration. It is a violation to drive a vehicle with an expired tag, even within 30 days of expiration.

Find your beat →

The Riverside Division covers a large portion of south and west Tulsa. Generally, we serve citizens south of 11th 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.



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.

No Homicides in the Riverside Division last week

No Stranger Sexual Assaults in the Riverside Division last week

3 Individual Robberies in the Riverside Division last week



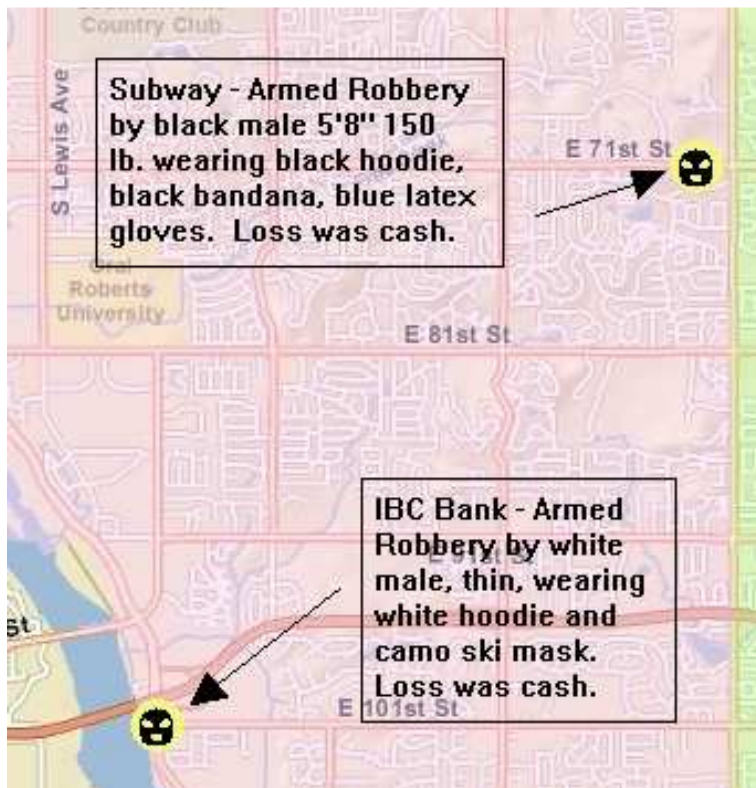
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Home Invasion robberies are almost always related to drug dealing, gambling, or certain knowledge of money in the home.

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.



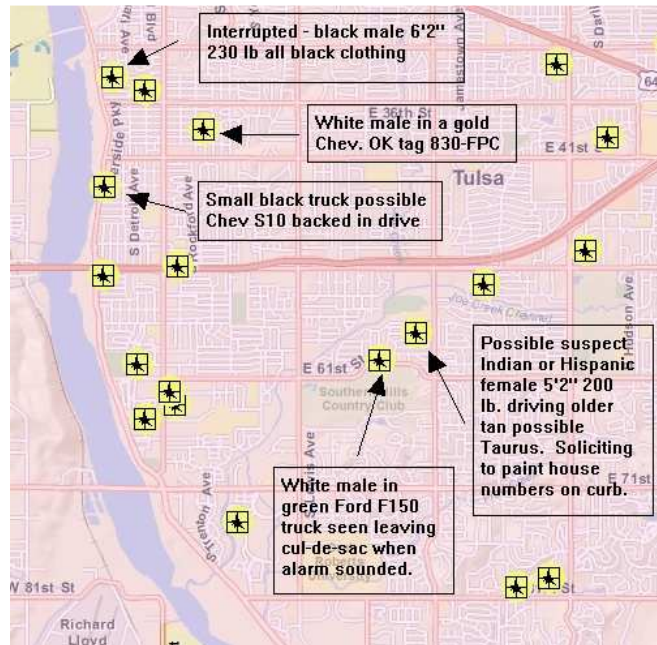
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Burglary is the breaking and entry into homes, businesses, and other structures for the purpose of committing a crime.

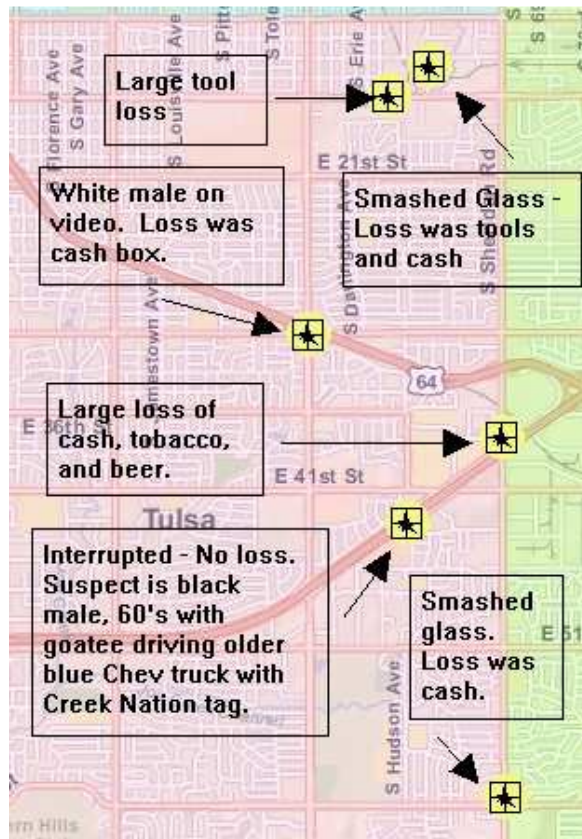
Residential burglaries usually occur in the daytime when most residents are not home. Most burglars do not want to confront someone in the home. The most common tactic is to knock and see if someone answers the door. The suspect asks for directions or a non-existent person. If no one answers, the burglar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

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

27 Residential Burglaries in the Riverside Division last week



9 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.

7 Auto Thefts in the Riverside Division last week



Two of the stolen vehicles were recovered shortly after the reported theft. One theft was a motorcycle that appears to have lifted onto a truck or trailer. Keys were available to the suspect in one of the thefts.

Introducing Corporal Secrist



Corporal Mark Secrist has served the citizens of Tulsa for 23 years. He is currently assigned as a patrol supervisor on the graveyard shift. His father, Earl Secrist served from 1960-1990, retiring as Assistant Chief. Corporal Secrist is part of the TPD Disaster Response Team and recently served in tornado ravaged Joplin. He is a Field Training Officer (FTO) Supervisor and member of the Honor Guard. Corporal Secrist formerly served as a police helicopter pilot and is currently a pilot trainer.

Catch of the Day...

On May 23rd officers were dispatched to shots fired at Night Trips, 3902 South Sheridan Road. Officer Daniel Madewell arrived first, confronting the suspect alone. As he exited his patrol car, the suspect pointed a pistol at him briefly. Officer Madewell pointed his weapon at the suspect who then threw down his pistol and submitted to arrest.

The suspect, identified as Billy Jack Phillips, had fired several shots inside the club before walking out to the parking lot. He fired more shots at an employee who looked out the door.

Phillips had additional loaded weapons in the cab of his truck, including an AR-15 rifle.

No one was hurt. Phillips was booked into jail on numerous charges, including Shooting with Intent to Kill.



Billy Jack Phillips

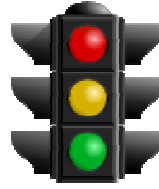
Upcoming Events

June 3rd

Kidney Klassic 5k Run
Veteran's Park
Street Closings: Boulder from 18th to 21st, 23rd
Street Bridge, Riverside from 21st to 24th.
June 3rd 3:00 pm – 8:30 pm

July 4th

4th of July Bike Parade
Area of 56th and Pittsburg
Street Closings: 54th - New Haven to Pittsburg,
56th - New haven to Pittsburg, New Haven –
54th to 56th, Pittsburgh – 54th to 56th
July 4th 10:00 am to noon



The Traffic Signal

Information from the
Riverside Traffic Unit

Did you know?

The City Of Tulsa Traffic Ordinance states that no driver of a vehicle shall execute a U-turn within an intersection controlled by an official traffic-control signal light device. The preset fine is \$150.

The Major's Desk (Continued from Pg 1)

Market, the Panda Express restaurant, and the Honda of Tulsa Sportscenter.

The gunman attempted to steal a vehicle from an innocent motorist and in the failed carjacking attempt, fatally shot the driver, a TU graduate student from China. The suspect then fled to a pickup truck where he forced a man, his wife and their baby out of the truck so he could continue his crime spree.

During this tense chase, the suspect fired upon officers and they in turn returned fire. The pursuit ended when the suspect crashed into a vehicle and then a utility pole. After a lengthy standoff, Special Operation Team (SWAT) members approached the truck and found the suspect, Billy Joe Hamons, dead behind the wheel.

The events outlined in the above paragraphs occurred within a short time span and were contained within a half mile radius of 21st and Yale. As a fellow police officer and Division Commander I want to tell you about the brave men and women who serve your community. Officers from all parts of the department rushed to the area and worked together to form a plan to apprehend this felon.

As a citizen sitting home watching the events unfold on your television, you might wonder why so many officers were needed.

What you don't know is that traffic was shut down all around the perimeter to prevent innocent motorists from driving through a "kill zone." This involved South Yale Avenue, E. 21st Street, and neighboring streets within this perimeter to keep citizens off 21st Street and Yale Avenue.

What you don't know is that officers were walking door-to-door, often in sight of the gunman, warning neighbors not to leave their residences and remain at the far sides of their home, out of the line of fire.

Also that a contingency plan was established should the suspect flee on foot and enter the neighborhood armed.

And that we have officers who "covered" the officers making entry to the pickup truck in the likelihood the suspect started shooting again. If our officers go down and are unable to do their job, then they are unable to protect you.

In all, yesterday's events involved six separate crime scenes and two deaths. One suspect is still outstanding, and as you read this, officers continue their search for this man.

I want to make the Riverside community aware of the selfless acts these men and woman partake in on a daily basis, many of the stories you will never hear about. I wanted you to hear about this one.

Major Julie Harris