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Private Property Tow May Be An Auto Theft!

Wrecker companies routinely go around to apartment complexes and businesses soliciting to tow their abandoned vehicles. Problems occur when the property manager or wrecker company does not follow the law. In more than a few cases, it is outright auto theft. Since titles aren't required to sell cars older than ten years for salvage, unscrupulous wrecker operators steal older cars and transport them to car crushers for quick cash.

For the benefit of both citizens who own older cars and

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



If you recognize this car and the suspect associated with it, call Crime Stoppers 918-596-COPS.

This is the suspect vehicle seen on two separate purse snatchings at Promenade Mall, 4143 South Yale Avenue. Suspect is a black male, 17-22 years, 5'9" – 5'11" slender build. He was armed with a pistol on at least one robbery.

Crime Tip

When at a club or bar, do not accept a drink from someone unless you see it prepared. Do not leave your drink unattended. A sexual predator may put something in your drink. Do not leave with a stranger. Always have cab fair available.

From the Major's Desk...

Tulsa is experiencing an unusual amount of high temperatures fairly early in June, and we haven't even hit the official summer season yet.

Please take care to hydrate yourself and your family. Don't forget your pets as they can't start the faucet on their own and fill their bowls.

Be extra conscious about leaving children and pets in cars. It only takes a minute or two for temperatures to rise and this often results in serious injury or death.

Private Property Tow May be an Auto Theft! *(Continued from Page 1)*

property managers contending with abandoned vehicles, here are the rules according to State Law.

- Towing service must be located in the same county where the real property is located to be eligible to tow it.
- The towing service must complete a Tow Request and Authorization Form when performing a private property tow.
- Towing service must make sure the property owner or agent is present to sign the Tow Request and Authorization before the vehicle is removed and jointly do an inventory of the vehicle with the licensed wrecker driver before the vehicle is removed.
- The form cannot be pre-signed nor can the wrecker driver stop by the owner/agent's office on the way to the vehicle to have the form signed. **It must be signed at the vehicle that is being towed.**
- Wrecker operator must verify the identity of the person signing the form and must put the DL number or state issued ID card number on the form.
- The form must be forwarded to the DPS and local law enforcement agency within 72 hours of the tow.

If you see a wrecker operator loading a vehicle without the property owner or agent present, CALL POLICE. The driver may be stealing the car!

Have a question?

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

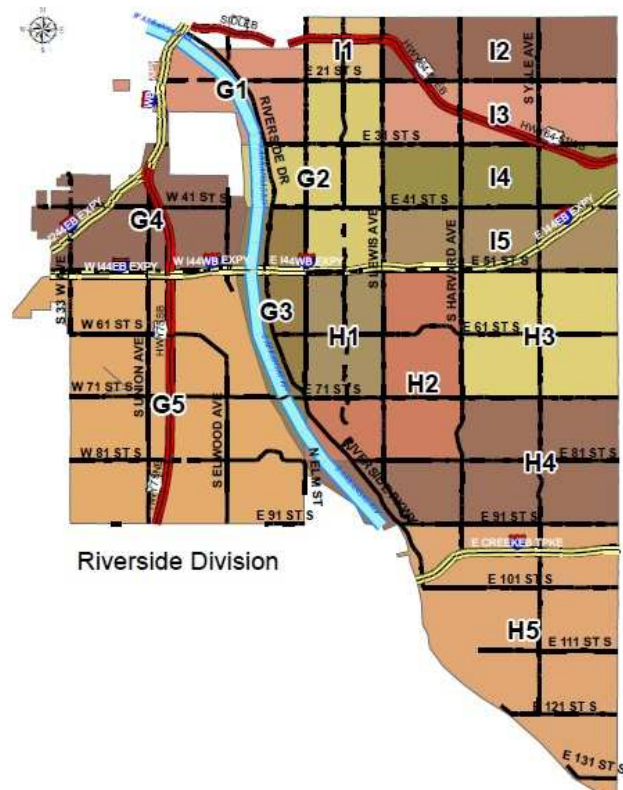
Q: Where can I get my fingerprints taken?

A: The Tulsa County Sheriff's Office, 1st and Denver, takes fingerprints from citizens, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am till 4:30 pm. The fee is \$10. For additional information call 918-596-5701.

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.



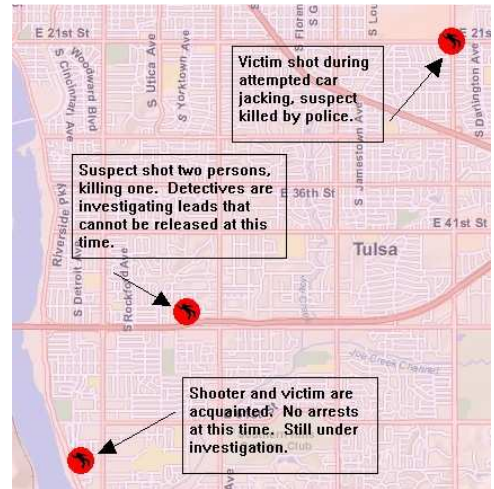
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Homicide
 Most homicides in Tulsa have nothing to do with the average citizen of Tulsa. Usually, homicide victims have some relationship to their killer.

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.

3 Homicides in the Riverside Division last week.



No Stranger Sexual Assaults in the Riverside Division last week

4 Individual Robberies in the Riverside Division last week



Carjacking (not mapped) at 21st and Yale during the kidnapping and murder incident committed by deceased suspect Billy Joe Hamons.

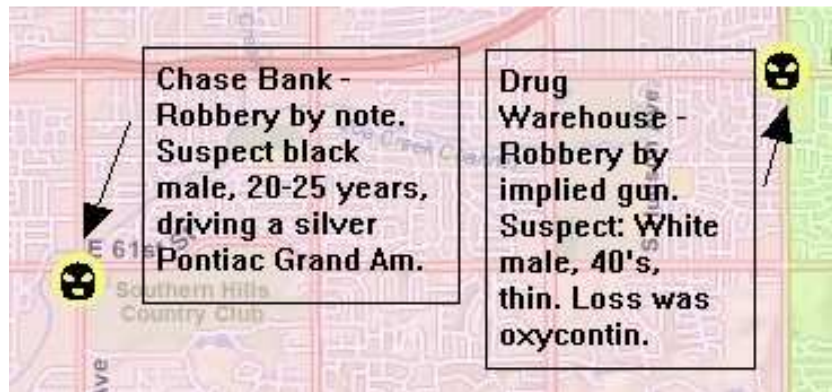
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Home Invasion robberies are almost always related to drug dealing, gambling, or certain knowledge of money in the home.

No Home Invasion Robberies in the Riverside Division last week

3 Commercial Robberies in the Riverside Division last week

We will report Commercial and Individual Robberies to you separately.



The third commercial robbery was at the Oklahoma Central Credit Union, 8075 South Olympia Avenue. The suspect was captured on June 2nd. See Catch of the Day, page 6.

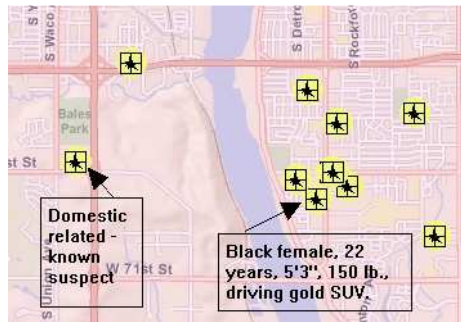
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Burglary is the breaking and entry into homes, businesses, and other structures for the purpose of committing a crime.

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 last week in the Riverside Division

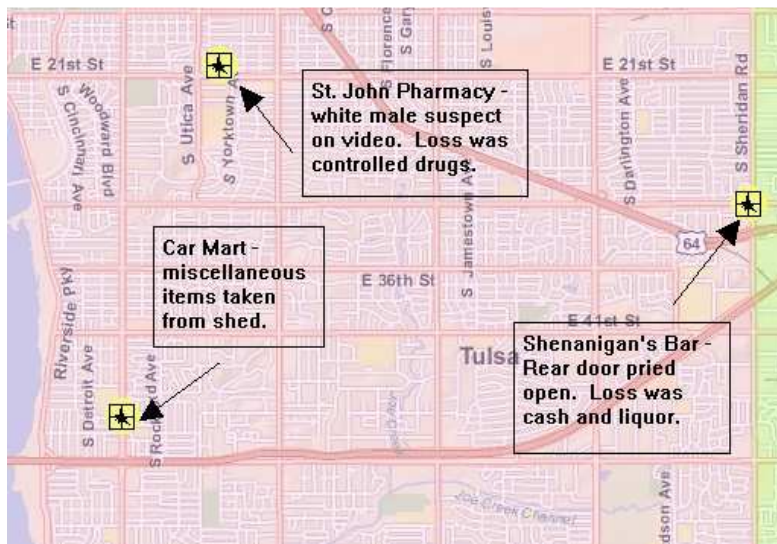


There were two distinct clusters of burglaries last week.

Watch for a **gold SUV** driven by black female and **gold Crown Victoria** occupied by two black males.



4 Commercial Burglaries in the Riverside Division last week



Spring Creek Nursery, (not mapped) 11110 S Delaware. Loss was trailer and skidsteer loader.

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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.

13 Auto Thefts in the Riverside Division



Three of the stolen vehicles were recovered shortly after the theft. Three were attempts in which the vehicle was not successfully stolen.

Introducing Crime Analyst Adair



Harold Adair is the new crime analyst assigned to the Riverside Division. Much of the Crime Bulletin information in Riverside News will come from his analysis.

He has been employed by the City of Tulsa for over 36 years. He spent over 32 years with the TPD where he retired as a sergeant. He served in the Special Investigations Division (Narcotics Unit) for almost two-thirds of his career on the department. He was assigned to the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force for almost 15 years being cross deputized by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the FBI. There he investigated and dismantled narcotic organizations involved in criminal activities.

He has been recognized nationally as an expert in narcotic related investigations including the manufacturing of methamphetamine, dismantling meth labs and drug endangered children. He has

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Catch of the Day...

On Tuesday May 31st, a white female robbed the Oklahoma Central Credit Union at 8075 South Olympia Avenue. The female entered the bank holding a phone to her head. She claimed to have a bomb attached to her phone. Robbery detectives released her photo to the media. Numerous citizens recognized the robber and called police. Detectives and patrol officers located suspect Denise Marie Flanagan and arrested her June 2nd as she left her residence. **Thanks to all who provided tips for this Catch of the Day!**



Denise Marie Flanagan

Upcoming Events

June 9th

Brookside Rumble & Roll

Street Closings: Parade Route Harvard – 8th Street to 15th Street, 15th Street – Peoria to Harvard, Peoria – 15th Street to 36th Street
June 9th Parade Route 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm,
Peoria – 33rd to 36th 5:30 pm to 11:00 pm
34th Street at Peoria 2:00 pm to 11:30 pm

June 18th

TyPros Big Wheel Race

Street Closings: Boulder Avenue -17th Street to 21st Street, Main Street - 17th Street to 18th Street, 18th Street - Boulder to Baltimore
June 18th 4:00 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, Pittsburg – 54th to 56th
July 4th 10:00 am to noon

Crime Analyst Harold Adair *(Continued from Page 6)*

taught across the nation for the National Alliance of Drug Endangered Children, the Partnership for a Drug Free America and for the Oklahoma Regional Community Policing Institute.

After retiring from the police department, he served as the Drug House Abatement Coordinator for the City of Tulsa in the Working in Neighborhoods Department. There he served as a liaison to the police and fire departments in addressing hazardous property conditions involving nuisance and zoning issues. He has submitted proposals for ordinances to the city for consideration in cleaning up (remediating) properties found to be contaminated by meth lab manufacturing. He worked closely with the Police Department to permanently close 7 massage parlors that were found to be fronts for prostitution related activities.

He has received degrees from Tulsa Community College and Southern Nazarene University. He has been married for 37 years and has 6 children and 8 grandchildren. He has a son who is also a Tulsa Police Officer.

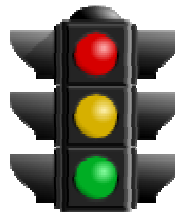
TPD by the Numbers

Authorized sworn officers – 781

Actual sworn officers – 759

Less deployed military, other leave, injured, or Academy recruits – 76

Available sworn officers - 683



The Traffic Signal

Information from the
Riverside Traffic Unit

Did You Know?

Upon the approach of an authorized emergency vehicle making use of audible and visual signals meeting the requirements of the traffic ordinances of the City of Tulsa, or of a police vehicle properly making use of an audible signal only,

...the driver of every other vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to such emergency vehicle even when such vehicle is proceeding against an official traffic-control device,

...and shall immediately drive to a position which is clear of any intersection, parallel and as close as possible to the right-hand edge or curb of the street, alley or public or private roadway,

...and shall stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle has passed or stopped, except when otherwise directed by a police officer.

Failure to do so can result in a \$150 fine.