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Fireworks and Outdoor Grills

The Fourth of July is near and fireworks are being sold throughout the metropolitan area.

While some nearby cities now allow the use of fireworks with appropriate permits, the City of Tulsa's ordinances prohibit the use of fireworks within its corporate boundaries.

The City's fire code states that "It shall be unlawful and a

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



Do you know these suspects? Call Crime Stoppers 918-596-COPS.

On June 5, 2011 at about 1:45 AM, two white males entered a garage in the 2200 Block of South St. Louis Avenue. They took several items from the garage before leaving. The suspects are described as two white males in their late teens to early twenties.

Crime Tips

Make your home appear occupied when you go out.

Use timing devices to turn inside lights on and off.

Leave lights on and the television or radio playing.

If you will be gone several days, arrange to have mail and newspaper deliveries held till you return.

From the Major's Desk...

Burglaries and auto thefts continue to plague the Riverside Division neighborhoods. Be a watchdog and keep an eye out for each other. If you see something suspicious, be a good witness and call police. We had 10 daytime burglaries within the Division last week with no good

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Fireworks and Outdoor Grills (Continued from Page 1)

misdemeanor offense for any person to possess, manufacture, store, sell, handle or use any fireworks within the corporate limits of the City of Tulsa without first having procured an operational permit from the fire code official as required."

The pre-set fine for fireworks violations is \$220, but fines of up to \$500 can be imposed.

An alternative to do-it-yourself fireworks is Tulsa's largest fireworks display on Monday, July 4 near the 23rd Street bridge on the Arkansas River. The Tulsa River Parks Authority and principle sponsor ONEOK will present ONEOK Freedomfest 2011, which includes the fireworks display at dark. Additional information can be found online at

www.tulsafreedomfest.com

More fires are reported on July 4 than on any other day of the year. Avoid accidents and injuries by viewing public displays rather than using fireworks illegally.

It is also dangerous and illegal to cook outside on apartment balconies.

The City fire code states, *"It shall be unlawful and a misdemeanor offense for any person to operate any charcoal, electric or gas grill, or any other electric or open flame device, on combustible balconies, or within ten (10) feet of combustible construction."*

Have a question?

Send us your question at [TPD Riverside News](http://TPDRiversideNews.com)
We'll answer in an upcoming newsletter.

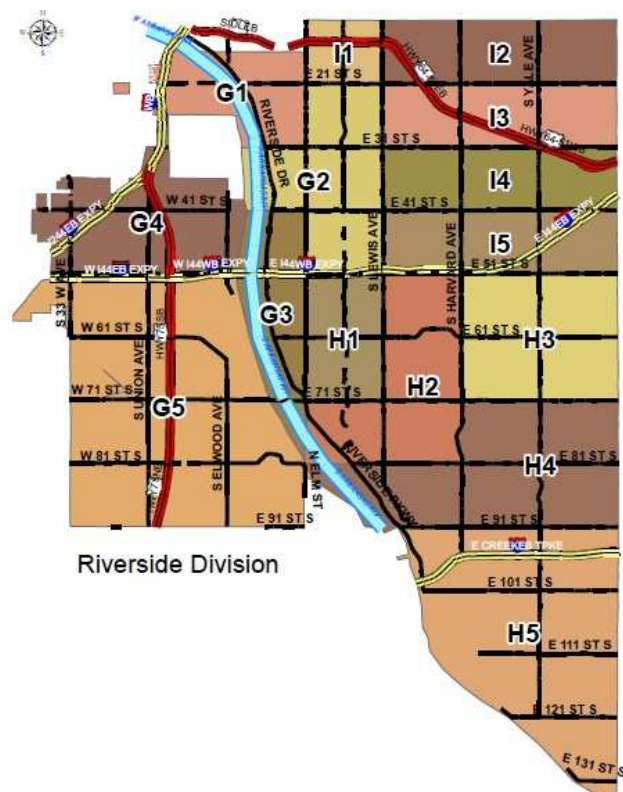
Q: Is Riverside Division still accepting expired medications for disposal?

A: Yes, Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm. You can anonymously deposit unused medications in our disposal container. Do not bring syringes or inhalers to this disposal site.

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.

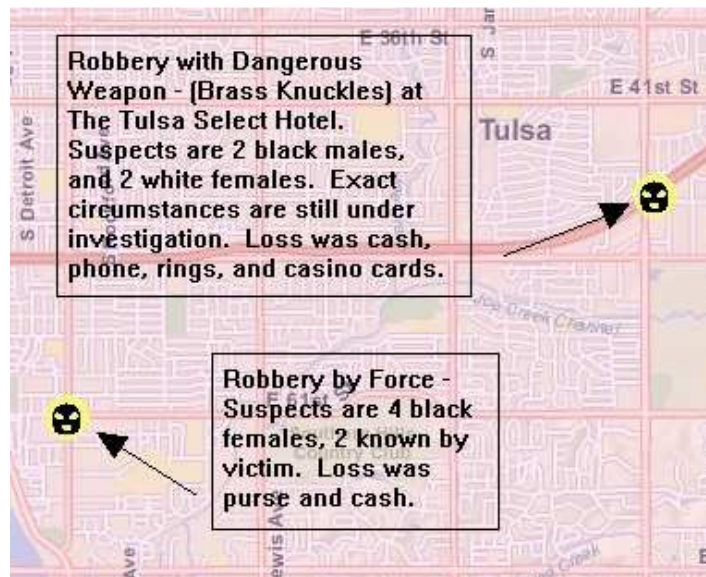
No Homicides In the Riverside Division last week



There was one stranger sexual assault last week in the Riverside Division.

When meeting someone from a dating service, the best practice is to meet in a public place. Keep your address private. Never go somewhere alone with the person. Always make sure a friend or relative knows your location.

2 Individual Robberies in the Riverside division last week

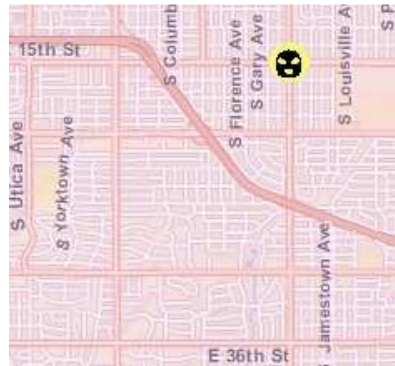


Crime Bulletin

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

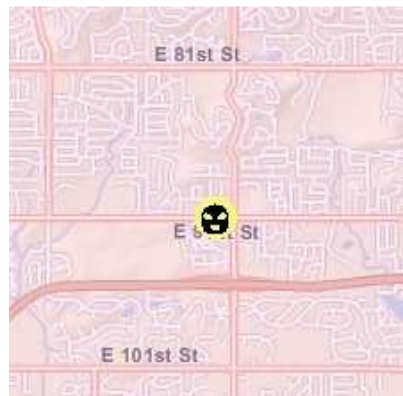
No Home Invasion Robberies in the Riverside Division last week

2 Commercial Robberies in the Riverside division last week



Armed Robbery at Fiesta Mart. Suspect Christopher Ashley captured. See Catch of the Day, page 6.

We will report Commercial and Individual Robberies to you separately.



Armed Robbery at the Kaffe Bona. Suspects Kenneth Harris, Micah Harris, and Robert Tart have been captured.

Crime Bulletin

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.

There were two distinct clusters, one along the I-44 corridor and the other within a mile of 61st and Peoria.



1 Commercial Burglary in the Riverside Division last week

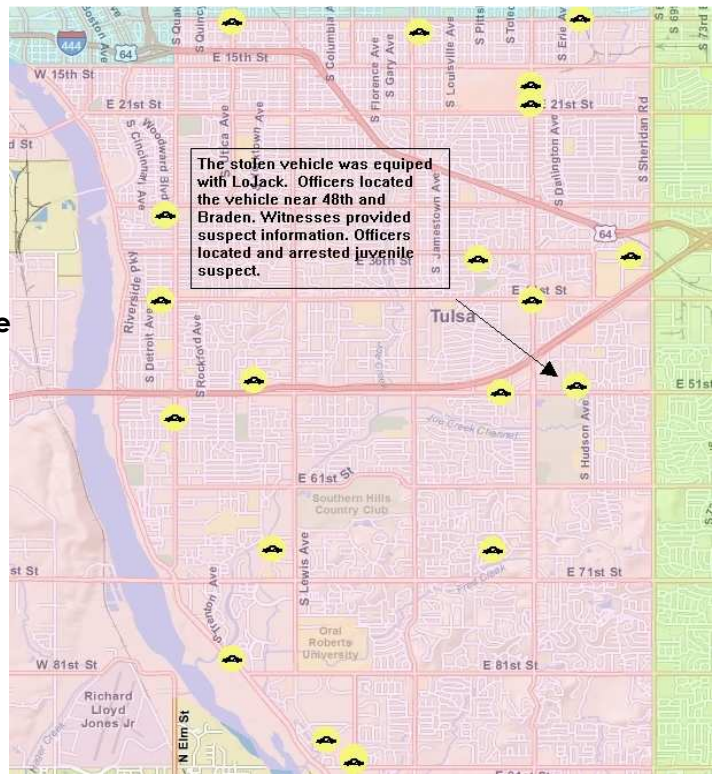


Crime Bulletin

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.

28 Auto Thefts in the Riverside Division last week.



Introducing Officer O'Mara



Officer Sara O'Mara is a 23 year veteran of the TPD. In her career, Officer O'Mara has been assigned to task forces, combating burglary and armed robbery. She holds several certifications including Advanced Traffic Investigator, Drug Recognition Expert, and Mental Health Resource Officer.

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Catch of the Day...

On June 25, there was an attempted armed robbery with no loss at the Fiesta Mart, 6598 East 21st Street. K9 Officer Ryan Woods decided the robber may try again, so he set up on the Fiesta Mart at 1507 South Harvard.



Christopher Lamont Ashley

Officer Woods saw this suspect enter the store and run from it shortly afterward, carrying a cash register drawer. After a brief vehicle pursuit to the dead end at 5500 East 12th street the suspect continued running on foot. K9 Officer Woods released his partner Cal who caught suspect Christopher Lamont Ashley. Officer Woods, Cal, and backing Officer Brian Filby took Ashley into custody after a brief struggle.

Upcoming Events

July 4th

FreedomFest 2011

Street Closings:

11:00 am to Midnight

23rd Street Bridge

Streets adjacent to Veterans Park

5:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Riverside Drive - Southwest Boulevard to 31st

Special instructions for residents near the FreedomFest 2011 entertainment venues:

- The 21st Street and Olympia Avenue Neighborhood Residents accessing apartment complexes should enter from 15th & Galveston
- Sundance Apartments residents should enter from the 31st Street gate
- Legacy Apartment residents should enter from Cincinnati Avenue
- Jackson Avenue will remain open for residential streets from Jackson to Southwest Boulevard between 17th and 23rd Streets

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

July 24th

Chris Brown Tulsa Duathlon

Riverparks West and Riverside Drive

Street Closings: Jackson Ave – 21st to 23rd, 23rd

Street Bridge, Riverside Dr. – 11th to 51st

July 24th 7:00 am to 11:00 am

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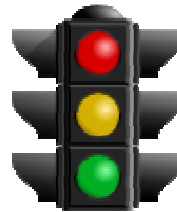
suspect description. In these extreme temperatures be mindful that you do not leave your vehicles with the keys in them when running a quick errand to the cleaners or convenience store. It only takes a thief a few seconds to hop

Officer O'Mara (Continued from Page 6)

Officer O'Mara was awarded the Purple Heart in 2002 after being shot in the line of duty. She suffered 34 shotgun pellet wounds. She still carries some of those pellets today.

Earlier this year, she received a commendation for capturing a burglary and homicide suspect as he ran from the shooting scene.

Officer O'Mara is mom to a 15-year-old daughter and bulldogs Zeus and Zoey. In her down time, she is remodeling her home.



The Traffic Signal

Information from the Riverside Traffic Unit

Did you know?

Loud Vehicle Sound Amplification

No person operating or occupying a motor vehicle on a street, highway, alley, parking lot, or driveway shall operate or permit the operation of any sound amplification system from the vehicle so that the sound is **audible at a distance of fifty (50) or more feet from the vehicle**. Every person violating any provision of this section shall be guilty of an offense and could receive a \$200 fine.

An exception is during the daytime in a residential area where the speed limit is 25 mph or less.