Memorial Villages Police Department

Crime Analysis Summary for the period of April 15, 2011 through April 21, 2011

For quick reference in reporting crimes or suspicious activity, program our dispatch number into the speed dial of your home and cellular telephone.

713-365-3700

BUNKER HILL

No activity reported.

HUNTERS CREEK

On April 21st a resident on Glenville Court reported that a fraudulent tax return was filed with his personal information.

On April 17th at approximately 3:00 a.m. an officer observed a theft of beer from a business in the 8200 block of the Katy Freeway. The officer initiated a traffic stop and the two male Houston residents were cited for theft. The driver was arrested for possession of marijuana.

PINEY POINT

No activity reported.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

One of several identity theft schemes being used seems to be a system by which suspects send out mass e-mails which deceive citizens into disclosing personal information such as credit card numbers, PINs, bank account numbers, and other information which will be used to take your money. This is known as "phishing."

These e-mails seem to be authentic and will use recognizable logos and hyperlinks that will send the information to a fraudulent website where it will be stolen. Examples would be an e-mail which would lead you to believe was from a major credit card company, bank, or a known billing company. The information contained would advise the recipient that their account needs to be updated. The person will be instructed to complete the form which asks for personal information including card numbers or bank account numbers. The instructions sound very official and advise that if the information is not completed and returned within a specific number of working days, they will be forced to terminate your account.

If you should receive an e-mail similar to this, keep in mind that legitimate credit card companies and banks do not conduct business in this manner. If you receive an e-mail from a bank or credit card company that you do business with, call them and verify the information you received. They may advise you to contact the police.

Please report ANYTHING suspicious to the Police Department at $\underline{713-365-3700}$. If it is an emergency, call 911.

Eric Jones Detective

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Chief's Corner

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal

Saturday, April 30th

The Partnership for a Drug- Free Spring Branch

Two locations:

Memorial Villages Police Department 11981 Memorial Drive, 77024 (East of Gessner on Memorial)

Houston Community College - Spring Branch "The Commons" next to Murphy's Deli 1010 West Sam Houston Parkway North 77043 (Westbound Katy Frwy feeder @ Beltway 8)

Visit www.dea.gov for a collection site near you.

Gary M. Brye Chief of Police