

Security Note:

On February 1, 2017 at around 12:30 a.m., Precinct 5 deputies arrested and charged a suspect with two counts of Criminal Mischief. The two counts were solid (video evidence). The suspect confessed to shooting out the windows to as many as 50 vehicles since January 22, 2017. Over thirty incidents were reported in the Lakeside Estates and Walnut Bend neighborhoods. Precinct 5 patrol deputies and investigators conducted surveillance with unmarked cars and follow-up which led to the suspect. The pellet guns used were also recovered.

The reason the suspects were only charged with two counts is that those were the offenses that could be attributed to them at the time of the arrest. HPD is now in the process of attributing the other crimes to the suspect(s) as they cull thru the data. Even with only two counts, the court can make those charged pay restitution on many more if convicted.

For those of our neighbors who were affected, they should have an HPD case number. If you don't have a case number, please call Westside command, make a report and get case number. The number for Westside is 832 394-5600.

For those with a case number, call Westside and tell them that you want to amend your case with the amount of the damages. The extent of the damages will determine if the charges are upgraded from a misdemeanor to a felony.

Over 212 man hours were devoted to catching these two young men, ages 16 and 17. Both lived in an apartment complex near our neighborhood. In all, over 50 car windows were shot out, but only two counts of criminal mischief were placed against these two at this time. They are already out on bail. Many in our neighborhood are demanding that there should be serious consequences to these actions and needs your help to enforce this demand.

In the meantime, please continue to garage your cars or to park them as close to the garage as possible and off the streets. Keep your cars locked at all times, even in a locked garage. Be safe.

Respectfully,

E. A. "Buddy" Grantham
Lakeside Estates HOA Security Representative