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CRIME PREVENTION NEWSLETTER JULY 2018



Warmer weather inspires many of us to begin or enhance an exercise routine through running or jogging. Joggers should be aware that they can be susceptible to criminal attack. One of the issues with joggers or runners is that they fail to be alert and pay attention to their surroundings. Most runners have a favorite playlist on their cell phone and fancy earbuds to enjoy the music. But, this activity can put a runner at risk on multiple levels. It can alter your sense of danger and prevent you from hearing the sounds of impending danger from traffic or a possible attacker. Consider listening to the music through the phone's speaker without earbuds.

Here are personal safety tips for joggers and runners from American Crime Prevention Institute:

- Jog or run with a known companion.
- Jog or run in a familiar area.
- Do not jog or run in a heavily wooded, poorly lighted or secluded area.
- Particularly if jogging or running alone, don't wear radio or recorder earphones.
- Do not jog or run after dark.
- Do not jog or run near bushes which can provide concealment.
- Wear bright colored clothing to improve your visibility.
- Vary your route and pattern of jogging or running.
- Carry a whistle or high decibel battery powered personal alarm device when you jog or run.
- If followed, go to the nearest residence, open business or group of people.
- Carry your motor vehicle and/or home key with you.

Make sure your exercise routine is SAFE and healthy. Oh, and don't forget to hydrate with water and minerals in this heat!

Scammers and Scoundrels



Beware of unbelievable claims about job opportunities such as wages and the number of jobs actually available. You must always pay a fee to receive more information. You should be aware of:

- Guarantee placement in a job,
- Claim no experience or special skills are needed to qualify,
- Offer too good to be true wages, or
- Offer overseas employment.

Offers of job training in a particular field (such as truck driving, oil rigging, or heavy equipment operating) to fill a “critical” shortage at double or triple the applicant’s current salary should be considered suspect. The pitch assures a successful graduate of work with the same company offering the training.

Consider contacting your local Better Business Bureau or other consumer protection agency to check on a company you are considering paying money to for job training or employment opportunities. You may learn that there have been complaints against the company.

If you have been duped by a phony job opportunity, and the U.S. Mail system was used in any way, report your experience to your local postmaster or the nearest Postal Inspector.

- Employment Opportunity Tips (from National Fraud Information Center)
- Be suspicious of requests for upfront fees. Most employment agencies only charge if they actually get you a job, and often the new employer pays, not the employee.
- Don’t believe promises of access to a “hidden job market.” They’re usually just excuses for refusing to provide information without advance payment.
- Never give your credit card or bank account information over the phone. unless you are familiar with the company and are agreeing to pay for a service at that time.
- Be skeptical of any employment service firm that guarantees refunds to dissatisfied customers if they meet specified criteria. You might find that it’s impossible for you to qualify for a refund.
- Get a copy of the firm’s contract and review it carefully before paying. Understand all of the terms and conditions. If oral promises are made, insist that they be included. If the company claims it’s not necessary to make the contract agree with the oral promises, say goodbye. Whenever there is a dispute between oral promises and a written contract, the written contract is the winner. The only reason to refuse to include promises in a contract is to avoid fulfilling them.
- Be aware that some listing services and “consultants” may place ads that seem to offer jobs when in fact they are selling resume drafting services, “career direction consultations” or simply employment advice.

(Source: American Crime Prevention Institute)

Crime Trends this Month

3900 block of Ruckriegel Pkwy.	Theft from vehicle
9800 block of Timberview Way	Attempted theft from vehicle
9800 block of Willow Brook Circle	Theft from vehicle
8800 block of Roman Court	Thefts from vehicles
1000 block of Country Side Trace	Theft from vehicle
9900 block of Timberview Way	Theft form vehicle
3000 block of Sprowl Road	Robbery (of person)
10100 block of Taylorsville Road	Vandalism (dumpster)

Emergency call 911

To report a crime call (502) 267-0503

***Any questions concerning Block Watch programs,
contact Community Resource Officer Felicia Burba
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