



# The Rap Sheet

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## “Dude, Where’s My Bike?!”

CSOs Jasmin Martinez and Alex Bocharov

THE UNIVERSITY’S Pedestrian Zone rules and regulations prohibit bicyclists from parking or riding in the arcades of the Main Quad, Old Union, Law School, Cubberley School of Education, and Bing Wing (Green Library) to name a few. However, some bicycles are still being parked in these arcades on a daily basis. Others are being parked in fire lanes, against hand rails, blocking staircases, and building entrances. These violations can seriously impede emergency responders, emergency evacuations, and pedestrian access and movement, especially to those who are mobility impaired. For these reasons, the Department of Public Safety has started relocating bicycles from inside the arcades to the nearest bicycle rack, or to a location within clear sight of where it had been parked.

When these bicycles are relocated, a warning flier is attached. If you return to your bicycle and it is not in the location where it was parked, first make sure you check the nearest bicycle rack or the immediate vicinity before calling the police to report it as missing or stolen. As a reminder, always lock your bicycle to a rack to prevent theft. We strongly recommend a U-Lock which is much more difficult to defeat. Thank you to all of you who continue to follow the rules. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jasmin Martinez at: [jasmin.martinez@stanford.edu](mailto:jasmin.martinez@stanford.edu).

## Shining Stars

Bill Larson, Public Information Officer

BIKE THIEVES BEWARE of alert students and the fearless Deputies who will take action to prevent bike thefts. On December 8<sup>th</sup>, SUDPS received a report of a male adult loading bicycles into the back of a vehicle behind the Grove Lasuen residence. Fortunately, the student who witnessed the crime reported the incident to the police using a nearby 911 blue emergency tower. Minutes later, Deputy Marlo Banda arrived on the scene. As he questioned the suspect, the suspect suddenly turned and ran, but he was no match for Deputy Banda. The suspect was tackled to the ground. Both the deputy and the suspect went over an embankment. In the ensuing struggle, Deputy Banda struck a tree. Even after sustaining moderate injuries, Deputy Banda was able to subdue and handcuff the suspect. It was later discovered that the suspect had embarked on a crime spree earlier that day that included stealing two vehicles and multiple bikes.

Thanks to the keen observation and quick action by the student there is one less bike thief. We are also pleased to report that Deputy Banda made a full recovery and is back on the streets doing what he does best and what we are most proud of...keeping you and your property safe and secure! ●

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## New Faces on Patrol at SUDPS

Robert Contreras, Recruiter



"I swear" Deputies Wells, Posada & Chief Wilson

WE ARE DELIGHTED to welcome and congratulate our new hires who will join the Deputy ranks at Stanford DPS. After seven years of being understaffed, by as many as 10 positions, we are almost at full staffing levels. I hope everyone will take the time to introduce themselves to **Graig Wells, Pete Posada, Peter Ozorio, Nathalie Zavala, and Scott Floerchinger.**

Graig and Pete are currently participating in the in-house training and will soon begin the 5 month long Field Training program. Peter, Nathalie, and Scott are attending the Santa Clara County Sheriff's academy in Morgan Hill. Only 24 more weeks, and they will start the field training program. Welcome to the team!!

**Graig Wells:** Graig hails from San Diego, where he was active in sports and the boy scouts. After graduating from college, he moved to Tucson Az. where he attended University of Arizona. Graig eventually was hired by the Tucson Police department in 2004. In 2008 Graig and his wife Amy moved to San Francisco so she could pursue a job opportunity at Walmart.com. Graig tested with several police agencies in California, and we are very fortunate that he chose Stanford DPS. Graig is looking forward to meeting everyone and learning new skills. He appreciates the opportunity!!

**Pete Posada:** Pete was raised in Fremont, Ca. where he attended Irvington High School. After high completing high school, Pete attended Cal State Stanislaus where received his degree in Criminal Justice. Shortly after college, Pete married his wife Sofia. They

have two sons, Pedro and Gabriel. After working in the private sector for a number of years, Pete decided to pursue a career in law enforcement. In 2007, Pete was hired by the Los Altos Police Department. It is with great honor and privilege that Pete accepts the position of Deputy Sheriff for the Stanford Department of Public Safety.

**Peter Ozorio:** For the past 15 years, Peter has served the Stanford Community by working for Crane Pest Control and implementing a "Green" pest control program for the academic and athletic departments on the Stanford campus. Peter is very grateful for the opportunity to transition to Stanford DPS and to acquire a new skill set to serve the community in another capacity. Peter is looking forward to the challenges and setting new goals

**Scott Floerchinger:** Scott grew up in the small town of Crosslake, Minnesota where he was active in playing ice hockey and participating in the volunteer Fire Fighter program. Scott moved to California in March of 2006 and enjoys camping, hiking, and riding his motorcycle with his wife. Scott has just completed his first week at the academy and is very excited to take on the challenge of becoming a Deputy Sheriff for Stanford DPS. He looks forward to serving the Stanford Community.

**Nathalie Zavala:** Nathalie grew up in Southern California and attended Van Nuys High School, graduating in 2003. Shortly after graduation Nathalie joined the Army National Guard where she worked as a Logistics Specialist and eventually in the Recruiting division in San Mateo. Nathalie has also worked as an SUDPS Special Events Patrol Officer. Nathalie and her husband Jesse currently reside in Mountain View with their two sons. Nathalie is very excited with the opportunity to work as a Deputy Sheriff and would like to utilize her motorcycle riding skills. ●

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## Fix Your Bike Ticket!

Deputy Alan James

MOST PEOPLE know that when you get a traffic citation for running a stop sign in your car, you can go to traffic school.

Until recently, there hasn't been an option to "fix" bicycle citations on the Stanford Campus.

This year the Stanford Department of Public Safety and Parking and Transportation Services introduced the Bicycle Diversion Program.

Here is how it works: In lieu of paying a fine or going to court for a bicycle citation, you may elect to participate in an educational bicycle diversion program. This program is available only during the first 30 days from the date the citation was issued. After that time period, the citation will be sent to the court for normal processing. You may take advantage of this program only ONCE without exception:

- Click on the Bike Safety Presentation link on the police website <http://police.stanford.edu> for information about the next available bicycle safety presentation.
- Register online on the police website and attend the 60 minute bicycle safety presentation.
- Bring the certified card, your copy of the citation, and a picture ID to the presentation.
- Correct and have a deputy sign off any license or mechanical violations prior to attending the safety presentation.

If you complete the program within the 30 day period, the bike citation will be dismissed.

We have been receiving good reviews from people who have taken the bike diversion program. If you want to learn more about biking safely (even if you have not received a bike ticket), you are welcome to sign up for the bike diversion program. ●



## Reaching Out To You

Melissa Dubois, Senior Program Manager

SUDPS HAS a long tradition of providing a wide variety of community services. Our goal with the Community Outreach programs is to create a dialogue, build trust, maintain open lines of communication, provide educational material/programs, and assist residents in reducing the opportunity for crime.

The Community Police Academy is one of our most popular outreach programs that we offer. Last year, in partnership with the Law School, the Stanford Community Police Academy is now available to students as a 1-unit class under LAWGEN 209. The objective of the class to expand the participants' knowledge of the duties, responsibilities, decisions, and constraints that face law enforcement officers. This 9-week course is offered every Winter Quarter, and is a blend of classroom instruction and hands-on activities that provides an opportunity for participants to stand in an officer's shoes.

Other outreach programs include: ride-alongs, safety talks at student residences and staff meetings, and visits to elementary and preschools. We also offer assistance in setting up Neighborhood Watch groups in the residential areas.

If your class, student residence, department or student group is interested in having a deputy come by and talk to your group about safety at Stanford, just ask! Our email is [community-outreach@lists.stanford.edu](mailto:community-outreach@lists.stanford.edu) ●



Madera Grove's new junior deputies with Deputies M. Kim and A. James

## SCERTainly NEWSworthy

THIRTY-TWO MEMBERS of the Stanford Community Emergency Response Team (SCERT) program participated in one of two disaster exercises held in the soon to be replaced Storke Building in January.

SCERT encourages University staff to become better prepared to respond to earthquakes and other critical incidents. During emergencies on campus, SCERT members will be able fill the necessary roles in assisting with evacuation of building occupants, light search and rescue, basic first aid and medical support, campus security, and other necessary campus support functions. Additional SCERT classes will be offered in the future. For more information visit the SCERT website at <http://scert.stanford.edu> or contact Kathlyn Miller at [kathlynm@stanford.edu](mailto:kathlynm@stanford.edu). ●



Disaster exercise at the Storke Building

## Don't Give Criminals a Chance!

THE STANFORD Department of Public Safety strongly urges you to remove all items from view inside your parked vehicle: all briefcases, computer cases, gym bags, and all electronic accessories. Also, remove from the vehicle any mounting devices for electronic equipment and accessories or conceal them so they are not visible to anyone looking into the vehicle. A mounting device left in view may be an indicator to a thief that its associated electronic device may still be hidden in the vehicle (glove compartment). Immediately report any suspicious persons in or about the area of parked vehicles by dialing "9-1-1" from a cell phone or by dialing "9-9-1-1" from a campus phone line. ●

## Night Moves

Bill Larson

YES! The Stanford campus is a great place to jog, run, or walk and we certainly encourage this activity to stay HEALTHY. However, we also encourage you to follow these 10 basic tips to stay SAFE, especially at night:

1. Always use well-lighted paths.
2. Whenever possible, use paths that are within the public eye and do not stray into isolated areas.
3. Do not cover both ears with a headset.
4. Wear light colored clothing and/or reflective bands.
5. Invite a friend or colleague to join you.
6. Steer clear of anyone whose behavior appears suspicious or threatening.
7. Carry a whistle to alert passersby if you are accosted or threatened.
8. Carry a cell phone that is turned on and the battery charged.
9. If you observe a crime in progress, or a suspicious person or activity, immediately call 911 from either your cell phone or one of the many blue emergency phone towers that are located along most travel routes.
10. As a pedestrian, observe all rules of the road such as crossing in crosswalks, crossing through intersections on a green light or pedestrian walk sign, and looking both directions and crossing when safe.

Again, these tips should ensure a safe start and end of your activity to help you get your blood pumping and calories shed! ●

## To Better Serve You...

At SUDPS, we strive to continually improve ourselves through on-going training in order to better serve the Stanford Community and challenges of the future. Some of the training we have attended since January 1st includes: Sexual Assault Investigation, Disaster Preparedness, Leadership, Stress Resiliency, Animal Activist Awareness, Crowd Control, Computer Network Forensics, Criminal Investigations, and Anti-Terrorism. ●

## R U Driving? >:(

Detective Erik Adams

SO THERE YOU ARE, driving back from the late night trip to Carl's Jr, texting your buddies about how well you think you did on your mid-terms. Suddenly, there is a stream of red and blue flashing lights in your rear view mirror. You do a quick check to see what you are doing wrong...seatbelt is on, not speeding, stopped at the stop sign, paid my parking tickets. What possible reason could there be for this cop to be pulling me over. When the dreaded question is asked "Do you know why I pulled you over this evening?" you honestly answer, "I have no idea."

On September 24th, 2008 the Governor of California, Arnold Schwarzenegger, signed Senate Bill 28 (SB 28) in to law. The new bill "Prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle while using an electronic wireless communications device to write, send, or read a text-based communication. Senate Bill 28 made amendments to California Vehicle Code section 12810.3 which already made it mandatory for motorists to use hands free devices in order to talk on their cell phones while driving.

In your best Governorator voice read the following: "Building on legislation already helping save lives in California, I am happy to sign this bill because it further encourages safe and responsible driving," said Governor Schwarzenegger. "Banning electronic text messaging while driving will keep drivers' hands on the wheel and their eyes on the road, making our roadways a safer place for all Californians."

The good news, according to the Governor, is that this bill will make our roads a safer place to drive. The "bad" news is that ticket comes with a \$20.00 fine for first time offenders and a \$50.00 fine for each subsequent offense.

The moral of this story is simple: Keep both hands on the steering wheel and your eyes on the road when you are driving. If your addiction to reading and writing text messages becomes too much to handle, then find a safe place to pull over, park and let the texting begin. kthxby. ●

## Lock It or Lose It

Deputy Harris Kuhn

THERE ARE FEW crimes that bring such a frenzied response from law enforcement officers as does a violation of California Vehicle Code Section 10851(a): The Unlawful Taking or Driving of a Vehicle. Section 10851(a) of the Vehicle Code states: "Any person who *drives or takes* a vehicle *not his or her own*, without the *consent* of the owner thereof, and with the *intent* either to *permanently or temporarily deprive the owner* thereof to his or her *title to or possession* of the vehicle, whether *with or without the intent to steal the vehicle*, or any person who is a *party or an accessory to or an accomplice in the driving or unauthorized taking or stealing*, is guilty of a public offense and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by *imprisonment in a county jail for not more than one year or in the state prison\*\*\**" (Felony). Vehicle theft at Stanford is a relatively rare phenomenon- with one exception- yet it does happen as it does in any suburban environment. The one glaring exception: the theft of passenger, golf, cargo and utility carts, used on the Stanford campus.

What that means is any and all taking of a vehicle, with or without the intent to permanently deprive the owner of their right to possession, is considered a felony and is therefore a bookable offense at the Santa Clara County Main Jail in San Jose. And, those ubiquitous carts-golf, passenger, utility or cargo, are considered vehicles by the code. Any person, including a Stanford student, who takes a cart, is guilty of a felony. Imagine the chagrin of the drunken undergraduate who finds himself booked for a felony in the county jail for taking a cart just for an easy ride back to the dorm! Then, imagine the student having to explain this incident to family or future prospective employers.

Typically all motor vehicles and carts stolen on the Stanford campus are eventually recovered and returned to their true owners. There are a number of things that Stanford community members can do to secure our property while realizing that a determined thief will take whatever he or she wants, whenever he or she wants it. ➡



## Lock —Continued

**Go Green.** Don't bring a vehicle to campus unless you really need it. Leave it at home and avoid the wear and tear of a commute and the hunt for the ever-scarce parking space.

**Bring a beater.** If you must have a vehicle on campus, bring a "beater" if you can. An older commute car is less desirable to car thieves and is better able to endure the inevitable dings and dents that happen in all of the close quarters of Stanford parking facilities.

**Record.** Record the license number and VIN number of your vehicle. Better yet, make copies of the registration certificate and the certificate of title and keep them in a safe, accessible place. Never, ever leave your title in the vehicle! The title is a bearer instrument: whoever holds the title owns the car. Also take the time to record the make, model and serial number of any electronic devices regularly carried in the vehicle: after-market stereo, cellular telephone and GPS. Store the list in a safe place

**Lock and unload.** Lock your car and empty the passenger compartment. Take out your GPS, the GPS holder, your removable faceplate, your iPod, your CD's, and anything else that may constitute an attractive nuisance. Store it in a safe place and out of view.

**Take your keys.** There is nothing, more attractive to a car thief than a vehicle with the keys left in the ignition. There is really, *really nothing* more enticing than an unattended vehicle with the engine running. ("I just left it running for a moment" is not the right answer).

**Use a visual theft prevention device.** While a determined thief can take what he wants, a visual theft prevention device such as "The Club" will usually displace the thief and send him to an easier target.

**Use an audible theft prevention device.** Nothing says "stolen vehicle" like a car driving down the road with an alarm blaring. Alarms come with responsibility: if the alarm malfunctions and disturbs your neighbors, you can be liable for the tow fee in order to silence the alarm.

**Park and ride.** Park in a well-lit, well-traveled area. Thieves don't like witnesses.

**Use a circuit interrupter.** A battery is required to start most vehicles. A circuit interrupter hidden in the engine compartment prevents the use of the battery so the thief can neither start, nor "hotwire" the vehicle.

**Want to see my etchings?** Consider etching the VIN number on the window glass and on other parts. Shove a business card between the windows and the doors; at least if the vehicle is stolen and recovered the police know it belongs to you.

**Carts.** Carts must be registered with Parking and Transportation. Carts are way too easy to steal. Use a lock and cable or "The Club." Make sure the cable is stretched tightly so the steering wheel can't be moved. The theft of a cart is moral issue: many of the carts stolen belong to those students, staff and faculty who are mobility impaired. The theft of a cart diminishes the ability of our community members to get around this sprawling campus.

A little common sense goes a long way. If you follow these suggestions, your vehicle will be safe and your time at Stanford will be uneventful. As always, if you observe suspicious activity or people, don't hesitate to call 911 from a cell phone, activate a Blue Emergency Tower, or call 9-911 from an on-campus telephone. ●

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