



NEWS RELEASE

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THEFT OF GASOLINE FROM VEHICLES

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The Lakeport Police Department (LPD) is investigating a series of thefts of property and gasoline from vehicles during nighttime hours between April 20 and 22. The thefts occurred throughout the city in both commercial and residential areas. The suspect(s) targeted 9 different vehicles at 6 different locations. The targeted residential area was Hartley St between 16th St and Anastasia Dr and the targeted commercial area was Parallel Dr and Craig Ave. Tools and equipment valued at approximately \$1850.00 in addition to gasoline were taken in the commercial area. Only gasoline was taken from vehicles in the residential area. Gasoline is being stolen by use of a siphon hose and portable container. The estimated value of all of the stolen gasoline is approximately \$150.00.

On April 21, the department spent significant time investigating the thefts and did develop some leads including recovered evidence that may lead to the arrest of suspect(s). Investigating Officers believe there may be additional gasoline thefts that are not yet reported.

The department requests that anyone observing suspicious persons or activity in their neighborhood to contact the police as soon as possible.

**Kevin Burke
Chief of Police**