

# BEXAR COUNTY POLICE

Mark Vojvodich - Constable Precinct 3

## News Letter

### RECOGNIZING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

#### SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES

Slow moving vehicles, vehicles without lights, and/or the course followed appears aimless or repetitive. This is suspicious in any location, but particularly in areas of schools, parks, and playgrounds.

Vehicles being loaded with valuables are suspicious, if parked in front of a closed business or unattended residence, even if the vehicle is a legitimate looking commercial unit - possibly even bearing a sign identifying it as a repair vehicle, moving van, etc.

#### Abandoned Vehicles

If you suspect an abandoned vehicle may be stolen, you can use our Tip411 smartphone app to take a picture and send it to use anonymously to check and see if it is stolen.

Our smart phone apps can be found at these links:

iPhone - iTunes Store

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/bc3p-tips/id723521966?ls=1&mt=8>

Android - Google Play Store

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.citizenobserver.bc3ptips>

You can report an abandoned vehicle to the police any time or request a patrol by.

#### SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR INVOLVING VEHICLES

- Persons attempting forcibly to enter a locked vehicle, especially at night or in a parking lot.
- Persons detaching mechanical parts or accessories from a vehicle especially at night or in a parking lot.
- Apparent business transactions conducted from a vehicle especially if around schools or parks, and if juveniles are involved.
- Persons being forced into vehicles, especially if juveniles or females.
- Objects thrown from a vehicle, especially while traveling at a high speed.

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### SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR INVOLVING PROPERTY

- Property carried by persons on foot, especially questionable if the person is running, it may be significant if the property is not wrapped as if just purchased.
- Property being removed from or being placed into vehicles or buildings, if removed from closed residences whose owners are known to be absent.
- Someone offers to sell you something for significantly less than the market value.
- Items that accumulate in private garages, storage areas, or on property if it accumulates, especially if the items are in good condition but not in use. Example: A number of television sets being stored in a garage for a long period of time.

### SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR INVOLVING PEOPLE

- Someone going door-to-door in a residential area if after a few houses are visited, one or more of the subjects goes into a back or side yard. More suspicious if another remains in the front when this occurs.
- Someone waiting in front of a house or business when the owners are absent, or if it is a business and the establishment is closed.
- Someone forcing entrance to or tampering with a residence, business, vehicle, etc.
- A non-resident going into a back or side yard.
- A person running especially if something of value is being carried

### OTHER SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

- Continuous "Repair" operations at a non-business location.
- Open or broken windows at closed businesses or residences whose owners are temporarily absent.
- Unusual noises such as gunshots, screaming, abnormally barking dogs, or any noise that is suggestive of foul play.
- Unusual smells coming from location.
- Continuous traffic that comes and goes to the same location, usually staying for very short periods of time



**REPORT  
SUSPICIOUS  
ACTIVITY**



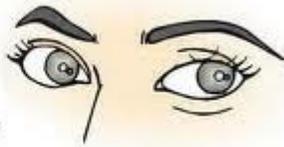
**Use the 5 Ws, plus How**

When reporting a crime or suspicious activity

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**Suspicious  
Activity**



Be the best witness you can, by getting a good description and do not get involved. How can you be a witness if you become the victim!

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### WHO DIRECTS CONSTABLE LAW ENFORCEMENT?

By: Mark Vojvodich

In Bexar County, the Commissioner's Court believes it directs Constable law enforcement. In the Constable's Office, the Constable believes he directs his Office. If this is the limit to the discussion, both are wrong.

Commissioner's Court has the authority over the budget and the Constable how to employ that budget to accomplish Constitutional and statutory duties. Both have a single boss; more on that later. These efforts range from the enforcement of any criminal act observed to the service of civil papers necessary to keep the Justice and other Courts functioning by bring notice to persons affected or who are wanted, to bring them under the authority of the Court.

A fugitive is, by definition, outside the Court's influence until he or she is arrested and brought back under the Court's jurisdiction. The judgments of the Court, are enforced by the Constable and his deputies and without that police power, those judgments are meaningless.

If you can remain free and not have to serve time or pay a fine, has justice occurred? If a squatter has taken over a home and cannot be moved out on a court order, does the owner have any property rights? Is there any deterrence to another person who chooses to drive while intoxicated or speed through a school zone when the person cannot be arrested or once arrested, posts bond and then fails to appear in court? If officers cannot patrol to deter crime or be equipped for a fast response, are you and your family safe? The answer to these questions is no, Justice does not occur and you are not safe.

Unless a fugitive is found and arrested, the Court has no power to punish them. Whether that case is a DWI second offense, an act of family violence or a school zone citation, until such time as the judgment of the Court has been rendered and enforced, justice has not occurred. Unless an officer has the ability to respond to a DWI driver endangering innocent people, justice is not served.

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These are a large part of the Constable's Office duties and for years, constables have asked for additional officers to work this backlog of Court judgments and been denied these resources by Commissioner's Court. Constables are forced to use overtime with the full knowledge of Commissioner's Court, that this overtime, is mostly related to these warrants yet instead of increasing staffing at regular rates of pay, they opt for overtime.

Constable law enforcement functions are set to be cut by 1/3, costing some forty officer their jobs and their county cars will be taken away. These remaining officers will be required to patrol in their private vehicles. That will end neighborhood patrols, DWI enforcement, responses in an emergency, the arrest of fugitives, the end of scanning for sex offenders in child safety zones, home vacation checks and enforcement of traffic laws in schools zones.

In returning to the lead paragraph, the single boss is not the County Judge, Commissioner or Constable, it is you.

It is the people's will, as expressed to those in government whom have been entrusted with limited authority, to act on your behalf. Commissioner's must fund those services the people select, not what they desire and the Constables must act on the wishes of the people who not only elect them but pay the costs for those services.

Constable services cost about eight cents a month per person after fines and violator fees are calculated. Do you have a better use for eight cents per month?

If you have any question on county government or services we provide, in or out of law enforcement services, I may be reached at [info@bexarpolice.com](mailto:info@bexarpolice.com). If I do not know the answer I will find one or place you in contact with some who can speak with authority on your question.



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# BEXAR COUNTY POLICE

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### Observe and Track Suspicious Person

If you witness suspicious activity or a crime being committed, there are some simple rules to follow. Don't try to be a hero; keep your distance. Try to be inconspicuous so you can observe the whole crime and not spook the criminal. Contact 911 or your local law enforcement.

Do not try to follow. Do not put yourself in danger. Keep a description of the person, i.e. license plate, clothing, height, weight, etc. anything that will help identify the person later on. Here is a tool to help you along:

**tip 411**



Text anonymous tips to:  
Text BCP3 + your tip to 847411

Body Type	Gender	Race	Age	Height	Weight	Clothing	
Hair						Hat (color/type)	
Eyes						Shirt	
Glasses						Coat/Jacket	
Complexion						Pants	
Facial Hair						Shoes	
Tattoos						Jewelry	
Scars						Weapons	
What the Person Said or Did						What Direction Traveling	Auto Make, Color, License
Speech Pattern						Other Notes	Other transportation

Most importantly, you don't want to put yourself in a dangerous situation. Tracking and observing is just that!!!

**NOTES:**

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## **Tip411 Alerts and Anonymous Tips**

Bexar County Police, Constable Pct.3, announces Community Safety Initiative. The Constable Pct.3, Mark Vojvodich, is launching The “BCP3” Alert Network, an interactive way to keep the community connected and informed through opt-in e-mail, text message, and web published public safety alerts.

Subscribers can sign up to receive alerts from the Bexar County Police via e-mail or as a text message to a cell phone. They can, also, opt to receive neighborhood only or citywide alerts, as well as surrounding city alerts that are on the Citizen Observer alert system. Citizens will be able to respond to law enforcement anonymously by clicking on the Submit a Tip button located in the email alert.

For questions about the Alert Network, please contact the Bexar County Police, Constable Pct.3 Public Information Office at (210)335-4757 or go to {[www.bexarpolice.com](http://www.bexarpolice.com)} to sign up today.

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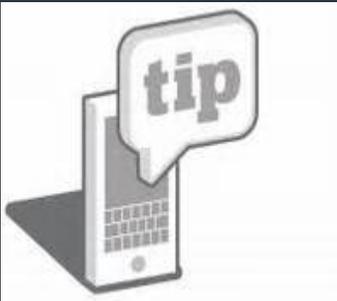
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