

# Southeast Area Command

Albuquerque Police Department

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## Message from the Commander

By Luke C. Languit, Commander, Phil Chacon Memorial Substation

I hope everyone has been enjoying spring, as we are in the warmer weather. I would like to provide a recap of the first quarter and year. Your Southeast Area Command officers are working hard, doing the best they can responding to all the priority calls in a timely manner, and conducting proactive operations in our reported crime areas. I'm excited that we have been able to meet with the majority of our neighborhood associations at their annual meetings or their board meetings to share our operations, and to get your feedback. We have also provided our Restorative Justice Initiative to several neighborhood associations and stakeholders within the area command.



Our Crime Prevention specialist had a very productive first quarter with numerous crime prevention presentations and recommendations in ongoing efforts to reduce crime as well. In addition to our crime reduction operations, our community engagement continues to increase and I am proud of the partnerships and dialogs that we have had this first quarter of the year. We continue to work with our partners with providing food and resources every week to the less fortunate, we conducted a cleanup in the International District, and we are listening to the community's expectations and needs for our new public safety district. As the summertime approaches, I am sure there will be increased traffic in the area command, so we are preparing to ensure our crime reduction strategies are deployed to be effective. Our partners from the faith based stakeholders, the business community, our residential communities, or our stakeholders that specialize in civil and human rights, are providing us with great information and feedback.

# Commander's Safety Tip of the Month

By Luke C. Languit, Commander

With the warmer months here now, both foot traffic and vehicle traffic is increasing, in a lot of ways this is good, especially coming out of the pandemic, we want people to be out and about, visiting our businesses and utilizing our facilities, recreational centers, and parks. We know with the increased traffic, there are going to be individuals that unfortunately may resort to committing crimes of opportunity, or they just do not have a place to go.

Please take advantage of our crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) security surveys, and please do not hesitate to pass on information to us regarding crime or issues at your residence, neighborhood, or business, so we can come up with a plan to resolve the issues. Any crimes committed on private property, whether that is your residence or business, we will conduct enforcement to hold that individual accountable. Whether if it is a criminal trespass citation or disorderly conduct charge, we will file criminal charges. If individuals refuse to leave despite being issued citations, we will make arrests. Our commitment is to ensure individuals are held accountable for their actions. On public property we will coordinate with the Albuquerque Community Safety Department to offer resources and to transport them to providers that will help them.

Please continue to target harden your residence and businesses and please keep pushing the information and tips to us.

May 2022

## APD

## FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTER

(FAC) is committed to providing victims of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault and their families with a safe setting to assist in addressing and overcoming the trauma of their experience and break the cycle of violence.

Due to Covid-19, appointment is necessary.

- Domestic Violence Resource Center, 24 hour

hotline (505) 248-3165

- SANE- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, 24 hour hotline (505) 883-8720

 Rape Crisis Center of New Mexico, 24 hour hotline

(505) 266-7711

# One Little Known Aspect of Identity Theft is Deed Fraud

Life Lock by Norton

Deed fraud occurs when someone steals your identity, forges your name on a deed, and takes title to your home. While it may seem that it should be a simple matter to get your home back after becoming a victim of deed fraud, nothing in the law is very simple.

## How deed fraud occurs

Deed fraud stemming from a deceased previous owner is a common scenario for deed fraud. The crime is also known as "property title theft" and "identity theft house stealing." Scam artists, the only criminals we refer to as artists, regularly scan the obituaries looking for homes that are vulnerable to deed fraud.

Tip: If a family member dies, you should consider initiating a probate of the estate as soon as possible and monitoring the registry of deeds for anything affecting the real estate of the deceased.

In particular, vacation homes, abandoned homes or unoccupied homes are primary targets of deed fraud, although scammers also target homes being used. Sometimes, the scammers will live in the homes. Other times, they will turn around and sell the property to an unsuspecting buyer, which can really complicate things.

## 3 warning signs of deed fraud

Here are some of the telltale signs to look out for that may indicate you have become a victim of deed fraud:

- Unpaid bills. A notice for an unpaid water bill, tax bill or mortgage bill or, interestingly enough, not receiving a water bill or tax bill that you should have received. In that case, an identity thief may go to the taxing authority and change the address to which the bills will be sent to hide the crime longer.
- Notice of foreclosure. Receipt of a notice of foreclosure when you don't even have a mortgage.
- Signs of life. Evidence of activity at an unoccupied home or vacation home.

Why doesn't the registry of deeds screen deed recordings better? When recording deeds, the registries of deeds check to see if the format of the deed is proper, the deed is signed, and the signature is notarized. However, it may not be a function of registries to compare signatures on record for forgeries or otherwise inquire about the legitimacy of the deed.

There are things you can do to help protect you from deed fraud, here's how.

#### 3 ways to help protect yourself against deed fraud

As with many types of fraud or identity theft, the earlier that you become aware that you have become a victim, the better off you will be. Here are a few things you should do.

#### 1. Monitor your credit reports

Federal law provides you with the right to have a free copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit reporting agencies, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. Monitoring your credit report can help you discover financial actions taken by others in your name.

You can leverage your free annual credit report into one report every four months. For instance, you can request your free credit report from Equifax, and then four months later get your free credit report from Experian, and then another four months later obtain your free credit report from TransUnion. You can get your free credit reports through AnnualCreditReport.com.

You also can get credit monitoring through various identity theft protection services.

#### 2. Check the status of your deed

Local registries of deeds across the United States may be accessed online. If this is true for your local registry, you should regularly check on the status of your deed to confirm that no one has done anything affecting your property ownership. Some registries of deeds even have services whereby you will be notified when actions are done that affect your property. You should see if your local registry of deed provides this service and consider signing up for it, if available.

### 3. Consider buying an owner's title insurance policy

Owner's title insurance can offer significant protection from the harm caused by deed fraud and can cover the costs involved in correcting the problem.



https://www.cabq.gov/ police/crime-prevention -safety



# How to Protect Yourself from Debt Relief Scams

Federal Trade Commission

Don't share your credit card, bank account, or Social Security numbers — or any other personal information — with anyone who calls you out of the blue. Once a scammer has your information, they can use it to commit other fraud against you.

Don't pay a company any money before they help you. That includes services to reduce your credit card's interest rate. It's illegal for these telemarketers to charge you before they've actually done something.

Hang up on robocalls. If you answer the phone and hear a recorded message instead of a live person, it's a robocall. A robocall trying to sell you something is illegal unless the seller got written permission, directly from you, to call you that way. To get your permission, the seller has to be clear it's asking to call you with robocalls, and it can't make you agree to the calls to get a product or service. If you give permission, you have the right to change your mind later. So if you haven't given the company permission, and the robocall is trying to sell you something, there's a good chance it's a scam. At the very least, it's from a company you don't want to do business with. Learn more about blocking unwanted calls.



# How Credit Card Interest Rate Reduction Scams Work

Federal Trade Commission Consumer Advice

You've probably gotten calls or messages from companies guaranteeing — for a fee — to get you a lower credit card interest rate and promising to save you thousands of dollars. These scammy debt relief companies will tell you just about anything to get your money:

- Scammers say they have special relationships with banks and credit unions. They don't.
- Scammers may claim that the lower interest rates they're promising are only available for a limited time. They say you need to act now. But they're just trying to rush you into a quick decision.
- Scammers guarantee you'll get your money back if they can't get your rate lowered. It's not true. Instead, you're likely to end up paying extra balance transfer and other fees (that they didn't tell you about), as well as the fee paid to the company.

Anything these companies say they can do for you, you can do for yourself — for free. You have just as much clout with your bank or credit union as these companies. Also, by law, companies that sell debt relief services on the phone can't charge a fee before they settle or lower your debt.

## SE Area Command DOJ Scorecards

www.cabq.gov/police/ documents-related-toapds-settlementagreement

Audits - View Audit Related to Back Investigations

-View Audit Related to Civilian Complaint and BSD Site Location

-View Audit Related to Electronic Control Weapons and Download Date

-View APD Scorecards

### Crimemapping.com

Receive alerts in your area; view calls for service for your block or a radius of up to two miles of an address



Help me clean up graffiti in our community and download the "ABQ 311″ App. It's easy, if you see graffiti in our community stop in a safe area and take a photo. Pin your location and give a brief description of what and where the graffiti is located so our city employees can easily respond for clean-up.

# Southeast Area Community Policing Council (SEACPC)

Mike Kruchoski, Chair CPC.ABQ.Southeast@xemaps.com

Technology is not the "be-all-and-end-all" for community engagement. It isn't meant as a substitute for compassionate, face-to-face engagement with our communities who are underserved. Still, even our neighbors who rely on word-of-mouth networking often have smartphones and use social media. So we offer an easily accessible public folder as just one tool to help interested community members work together effectively. Please check it out:

## https://tinyurl.com/CPC-SE-this-week

There is no single medium or venue that reaches all people, so we do our best to use all of them in parallel. We invite your feedback on how to improve. And please share your stories about how you work to foster greater public safety and prosperity for all community members.

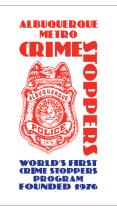
Email us at: CPC.ABQ.Southeast@xemaps.com



Join us for our upcoming meeting....

• May 19, 6:00 pm – SE Community Policing Council Zoom Meeting

register using this link: https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_gISlOiNaRcuLTfgtm6nNGg



# TIP HOTLINE: 505-843-STOP

Albuquerque Metro Crime Stoppers is a community program that relies on anonymous tips to solve crimes and to locate fugitives from justice. Without anonymity of callers, the program cannot be effective.

Crime Stoppers pays rewards only for anonymous tips. Tipsters who identify themselves are not eligible for a reward.

Crime Stoppers has sole discretion to decide the amount of any reward to be paid, from zero to \$1,000.

Crime Stoppers will pay rewards only for tips given directly to it. Any tip given to another source, such as law enforcement, will not be eligible for a Crime Stoppers reward.

Crime Stoppers does not pay rewards to any person who has a legal duty to assist in the arrest of suspects and fugitives.

## Felony Gun Crime + Arrest = Up to a \$1,000 CASH REWARD

Know someone who has used a gun to commit a crime, a felon in possession of a firearm or someone in possession of a stolen firearm?

Report anonymously to Crime Stoppers by:

Calling 843-STOP Submit Online Tip at crimestoppers.com WebTip at P3Tips.com Download P3 Tips mobile app.

## CRIMESTOPPERS

Help Stop Gun Violence Anonymous Tips I Cash Rewards CALL CRIMESTOPPERS 505-843-STOP

# Fridays in the International District (ID) with "The Team"

## By: Marisa Vigil

Every Friday at 9am the Team gathers at the SE substation to plan the day. The Team, which consists of individuals from Code Enforcement, SE PRT, a SE Crime Prevention Specialists as well as volunteers that provide resource information and much needed necessities to individuals contacted within the ID community. We respond to calls received from the community regarding areas of concern as well areas that the Team is aware of that requires some attention.

The Team often works with Waste Management to address areas of concern as well. Working with individuals at the camps, the Team offers resource information and provides necessities, such as snacks, water, pet food, hygiene packs, blankets, socks etc. All situations are approached with kindness and knowledge as well as enforcement for safety when needed. Many times, the team transports individuals, for example to the CARE campus, for detox/treatment options.



The work that the Team does is important; the goal is safety and support for all members of our community.. We often work with the most vulnerable ID residents and build meaningful relationships with them. Its takes all of us working together with compassion to break down barriers for these individuals as well as the community. When needed, ACS or COAST is contacted to provided further services to individuals.

If you would like to donate, we can use water, sunscreen, hats, or anything else you may think of that is helpful to stay hydrated and cool during the summer months. You drop off donations at the SE Area Command Substation 800 Louisiana BLVD SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108 or the Tri-sub at Central & Girard.



Endorphin Power Company and Albuquerque Center for Peace & Justice

# Wednesday Lunch Outreach By: Matthew Pettit



May 25, 2022 9:00–11:00 am Endorphin Power Company 509 Cardenas Dr SE

The actual number of unsheltered people in Albuquerque is hard to pinpoint, some resources list the number as low as 400, some as high as 3,333. If you take a drive across town at any given time on any given day you will see that our unsheltered population is very real and appears to be increasing.

When I first heard about what the Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice was doing together with the officers here in the SE Area Command, I knew I wanted to be a part of it. Having a checkered past myself, I have firsthand experience in what it's like to be homeless and the struggles of living on the street. When the opportunity arose to bring much needed relief to our most venerable population arose, I jumped on it. Now every Wednesday I have the honor and privilege to ride with a uniformed officer (and not in the backseat) and give out sack lunches, bottled water, socks and caps. I am absolutely head over heels in love with this opportunity and am humbled to my core when I get a chance to offer a helping hand or an ear to simply listen. With the kind and caring actions of APD and the P&J I see much needed support and kindness in the future for Albuquerque's unsheltered. Thank you, Commander Languit, for your unwavering support & Lt. Bartlett for being our chauffeur! It's all about relationships.

The Nob Hill – University Public Safety ECHO focuses on cases and issues in the area but the discussions and presentations benefit everyone across the community.

Join us to discuss problems and concerns in the area and for presentations addressing Mental Health, Substance Use, Community Health, Policing and skills for public safety. This is a great opportunity to meet community members and city stakeholders working in these important areas or dealing with various public safety issues.

## Coming sessions are:

- May 10, 1:30 3:00 pm CIT ECHO presents Delirium, Recognition and Treatment contact kmcmanus@salud.unm.edu for the
- May 19, 6:00 8:00 pm SE Community Policing Council Meeting register using this link: <u>https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_gISlOiNaRcuLTfgtm6nNGg</u>

## It's easy to participate via zoom:

## Join us to plan and develop priorities for this program:

**Online survey -** cabq.gov/nobhill-usurvey **Invite list** – email <u>nobhill-uecho@cabq.gov</u> and ask to be included in invitations to sessions.

## VIDEO CONFERENCE IN

## via Zoom via PC, Mac, iOS or Android:

cabq.gov/nobhill-uecho OR https://zoom.us/ Meeting ID: 505-662-4455 Password: NobHill-U

## PHONE IN:

Dial: 1-669-900-9833 or 1-646-558-8656

Enter the meeting ID: 505 277 3877 # - then hit # again

CONTACT Public Safety ECHO Coordinator Maria Wolfe at 505-917-5559 or mwolfe@cabq.gov https://www.cabq.gov/echo









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# **REPORTING OPTIONS**

Telephone Reporting Unit 242-COPS (2677)

Online Reporting: https://www.cabq.gov/police/file-a-police-report-online

APD App: Search ABQ Police in Google Play or the App Store



To access a traffic accident report, you can download a fillable form from the New Mexico DOT website and take to any substation once completed. If in need of an accident example sheet, contact the Phil Chacon Substation at 256-2050 and one could be emailed to you.

New Mexico Uniform Crash Report: http://nmtrafficrecords.com/resources/new-mexico-uniform-crash-report-2/



# Substation Hours of Operation

Phil Chacon Substation: Monday-Friday

Triangle Substation:

Monday—Thursday Friday—Saturday Sunday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm 8:00 am - 5:00 pm 8:00 am - 10:00 pm 8:00 am - 5:00 pm



The Southeast Substation will be under construction for the next few months so we urge our SE residents to utilize the other area commands for reporting purposes as well as the Triangle Substation located at 2901 Central Ave NE.

## **Albuquerque Police Department**

800 Louisiana Blvd SE Albuquerque, NM 87108

Phone 505-256-2050 Fax: 505-256-2044

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# Vision Statement

APD's vision is an Albuquerque where the community and the Police Department work together through mutual trust to build a thriving community.

## **Mission Statement**

APD's mission is to build relationships through community policing that will lead to reduced crime and increased safety.