



## **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS**

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### **BE AWARE THAT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS ON MANY PUBLIC DATA SOURCES**

Public data sources hold the personal information of many individuals. Your name, phone number, address, age, and sometimes people who are related to you (husband, wife, son, daughter, sister, brother), are available on these public data sources for anyone to see. Knowing that your information is available to the public can be a difficult feeling to bear; you might fear what other individuals can do with the information. Intelius, one of the public data resources, states that its information reflects the information that is available at your county's land records office. However, there is a way to remove your personal information from these public data source – which can give you peace of mind and keep your identity safe.

Listed below are some helpful tips to reduce the risk of identity theft.

#### **Removing Personal Information From Intelius ([www.intelius.com](http://www.intelius.com))**

Make a clear photocopy of your state ID or driver's license. Along with the copy, write or type a request to "opt out" your personal information. Intelius cannot permanently remove your information but can "opt" it out, preventing it from being visible on the Internet.

Cross out your photograph and your driver's license number, if you are using your driver's license. Intelius only needs your name, date of birth and current address.

Fax your identification and written request to their office. Before faxing any documentation, make sure the fax number is correct; the website lists the number as (425) 974-6194. Allow for four to six weeks for Intelius to process your request.

#### **Removing Personal Information From US Search ([www.ussearch.com](http://www.ussearch.com))**

Fill out the "opt out" form on the website. On the form, you will have to indicate your address and any aliases you may have used. Indicate the reason for your request. US Search can lock your information for a year, preventing it from appearing on the US Search website, ads "powered by US Search" and US Search Reports.

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They have a \$10 processing fee, which can be done with a debit or credit card.

Allow two business days for your request to be processed. Your personal information will not be visible for one year. If your information reappears during that year, the service will lock it again for no additional charge.

### **Removing Personal Information From Acxiom (www.acxiom.com)**

Fill out the "opt out request form" on the website. On this form, you will include your name, address and reason for the request. Once you submit the form online, an "opt out package" will be mailed to you.

Fill out the documents in the package in their entirety, and sign.

Return the completed package so processing can begin.

### **Take Action**

The three major credit card bureaus in the United States (Equifax, Trans Union and Experian) solicit pre-approved credit card applications that are mailed to you without you asking for them. Limit credit card pre-approved offer requests. To stop your name from receiving pre-approved credit card application, please call (888) 567-8688. This is a FREE service. Follow the prompts for being taken of their list permanently. You will receive their paperwork confirming the "opt out" request approximately one week after making the call.

### **Be Proactive**

Photocopy all the credit cards and insurance information in your wallet and keep it in a secure place like a safe or safe deposit box. Should you lose your wallet you have all your pertinent information at your fingertips. Cancel your credit cards IMMEDIATELY. The key is having all the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know who to call should this happen to you.

File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction were it was stolen. This proves to credit providers that you were diligent and first step towards an investigation. Call the three national credit card reporting agencies to place a fraud alert on your name and social security number.

#### **The credit reporting agencies are:**

Equifax	(800) 525-6285
Experian (formerly TRW)	(888) 397-3742
Trans Union	(800) 680-7289

Social Security Administration also has a fraud line (800) 269-0271.

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## **What you should know about Registering Your Cell Phone or Home Phone on the National “Do Not Call Registry”**

The National Do Not Call Registry gives you a choice about whether to receive telemarketing calls at home. Most telemarketers should not call your number once it has been on the registry for 31 days. You can register your home or mobile phone for free. **To add your number to the Registry you can call 888-382-1222 from the phone you wish to register, or go to <https://telemarketing.donotcall.gov>**

**Your registration will not expire.** Telephone numbers placed on the National Do Not Call Registry will remain on it permanently due to the Do-Not-Call Improvement Act of 2007, which became law in February 2008. Read more about it at <http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2008/04/dncfyi.shtm>

Information in this newsletter was provided by [www.telemarketing.donotcall.gov](http://www.telemarketing.donotcall.gov) and ehow.com



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North Reseda (North of Sherman Way) crime numbers through the month of February shows an 35.1% reduction overall in all Violent and Property Part-1 crimes, compared to last year's numbers through February. South Reseda (South of Sherman Way) had an 18.1% reduction in all Violent and Property Part-1 crimes compared to February 2013's numbers. The crimes where there was an uptick was in GTA (8 additional GTAs in North Reseda) and in Burglary/Theft From Vehicle (16 additional in South Reseda). Remember to be aware of your surroundings and if you see something, say something to prevent being a victim of crime. Also keep your neighborhood safer by getting to know your neighbors and agreeing to look out for each other. Your Senior Lead Officers can also give you advice on how to keep your vehicles safe from crime.

**Next Neighborhood Watch Meetings – March 13th at 7: 00 p.m.**

**Ann Kinzle Community Room located in the West Valley Community Police Station, 19020 Vanowen Street, Reseda**

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Tarzana's crime numbers show a 21.5% reduction overall in all Violent and Property Part-1 crimes, compared to February 2013's numbers. The crimes where there was an uptick was in Robbery (2 additional Robberies) and in GTA (1 additional GTA). Remember, to continue to reduce Tarzana's crime, Lock It, Hide It, Keep It to keep your property from being taken from your vehicle. Also keep your neighborhood safer by getting to know your neighbors and agreeing to look out for each other. Your Senior Lead Officer can also give you advice on how to keep your vehicle safe from thieves.

**Contact Officer Scoggins for information on the next Tarzana Neighborhood Watch Meeting.**

## **ENCINO:**

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Encino's crime numbers show a 29.8% decrease overall in all Violent and Property Part-1 crimes compared to February 2013's numbers. The crime where there was an uptick was in Aggravated Assaults (2 additional compared to February 2013). Remember to continue to Lock It, Hide It, Keep It to keep your property from being taken from your vehicle. Also keep your neighborhood safer by getting to know your neighbors and agreeing to look out for each other. Your Senior Lead Officer can also give you advice on how to make your home a harder target for burglars.

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West Lake Balboa (from Balboa / Woodley Parks and the area West of the Van Nuys Airport crime numbers show a 5.4% reduction overall in all Violent and Property Part-1 crimes, compared to February 2013's numbers. East Lake Balboa (West of the 405 Freeway through the Van Nuys Airport) had a 15.8% decrease in all Violent and Property Part-1 crimes compared to February 2013's numbers. The crime areas where there was an uptick compared to February 2013 are in Robbery (4 additional in East Lake Balboa), Aggravated Assaults (5 additional in West Lake Balboa) Burglary (5 additional in West Lake Balboa) and in Personal Theft/ Other Theft (1 additional in East Lake Balboa). Remember to be aware of your surroundings and if you see something, say something to prevent being a victim of crime. Also keep your vehicle in your garage overnight or parked and secured in a well-lit area.

**Contact Officer Ham or Officer Olivares for information on the next Lake Balboa Neighborhood Watch Meeting.**

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