

Sheriff's Report

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Ernesto Aguero III, 35, of Dimmitt pled guilty to the original charge of Purchase/Furnish Alcohol to a Minor. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail probated for one (1) year, \$750 fine, \$257 court costs, \$50 Crime Line Fee and a \$100 Food Donation to the County Jail.

Victoria Leal, 20, of Dimmitt pled guilty to the original charge of Assault/causes Bodily Injury/Family Violence. She was sentenced to 90 days in jail probated for one (1) year, \$500 fine, \$257 court costs, \$50 Crime Line Fee and \$100 Food Donation to the County Jail.

Judgments for Dec. 10, 2015

Mark Lumbrera, 37, of Dimmitt pled guilty to the original charge of Burglary of a Coin-Operated Machine. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail probated for one (1) year, \$750 fine, \$307 court costs, \$50 Crime Line Fee, 75 hours community service, \$250 Attorney Fees and was ordered by the court to pay \$40 in restitution to the victim of the crime.

242ND DISTRICT COURT

Kregg Hukill,
presiding judge

Judgments for Dec. 10, 2015:

David Reyes Jr., 37, of Dimmitt had a hearing of his probation on the original charge of Possession of Controlled Substance, PG 1, under 1 gram. His probation was reinstated and was extended for one (1) year of the original sentence of five (5) years. He was also ordered and committed to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Substance Abuse Facility Program.

From The Little Book of Christmas Joys

- On a clear night, find the bright North Star and recall the story of the Wise Men.
- Don't burn wrapping paper in the fireplace. It's a fire and a health hazard.

Tips For Safe Travel And Shopping

By Jean Murph

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In light of Christmas shopping and the need to be extremely aware and careful, we are grateful to have received the following safety tips. These were clever burglars, savvy about the latest technology.

1. The Long-Term Parking Scam

Some people left their car in the long-term parking at San Jose while away, and someone broke into the car. Using the information on the car's registration in the glove compartment, they drove the car to the people's home in Pebble Beach and robbed it. If we are going to leave the car in long-term parking, we should NOT leave our registration/insurance cards in it, nor the remote garage door opener, something to think about with all of our new electronic technology.

2. The GPS Scam

People had their car broken into while they were at a football game. Their car was parked on the green, which was adjacent to the football stadium and specially allotted for football fans. Things stolen from the car included a garage door remote control, some money and a GPS, which had been prominently mounted on the dashboard. When the victims got home, they found that their house had been ransacked and just about everything worth anything had been stolen. The thieves had used the GPS to guide them to the house. They then used the garage remote control to open the garage door and gain entry to the house. The thieves knew the owners were at the football game; they knew what time the game was scheduled to finish and so they knew how much time they had to clean out the house. It would appear that they had brought a

truck to empty the house of its contents. Something to consider: if you have a GPS, don't put your home address in it. Put a nearby address (like a store or gas station) so you can still find your way home if needed, but no one else would know where you live if your GPS were stolen.

3. The Cell Phone Scam

This lady has now changed her habit of how she lists names on her cell phone after her handbag was stolen. Her handbag contained her cell phone, credit card and wallet. Twenty minutes later when she called her husband from a pay phone, telling him what had happened, her husband said, "I received your text asking about our PIN number and I replied a little while ago." When the couple rushed down to the bank, the bank staff told them all their money was already withdrawn. The thief had actually used the stolen cell phone to text "hubby" in the contact list and got hold of the PIN. Within 20 minutes, the thief had withdrawn all the money from their bank account. Moral of this story:

a. Do not disclose the relationship between you and the people in your contact list. Avoid using names like Home, Honey, Hubby, Sweetheart, Dad, Mom.

b. When sensitive info is asked for through texts, confirm by calling back.

c. Also, when you're being sent a text by friends or family to meet them somewhere, be sure to call back to confirm that the message came from them. If you don't reach them, be very careful about going places to meet "family and friends" who text you.

4. Purse in Shopping Car Scam

A lady went shopping at a local mall and left her purse sitting in the child seat of the cart

while she reached for something off a shelf. Her wallet was stolen, and she reported it to store personnel. After returning home, she received a phone call from the Mall Security to say that they had her wallet and that although there was no money in it, did still hold her personal papers. She immediately went to pick up her wallet, only to be told by Mall Security that they

had not called her. By the time she returned home again, her house had been broken into and burglarized. The thieves knew that by calling and saying they were Mall Security, they could lure her out of the house long enough for them to burgle it.

So be suspicious and more careful and wiser than the scam artists. Happy shopping!



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