



**To: ALL LOJACK - SVRN Coordinators**

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**Re: Monthly Update Report for April 2011, Southern California**

Total number of “chop shops” and or “rings” for LoJack system **Southern California = 410**

**HIGHLIGHT ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2011:**

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**LoJack of LOS ANGELES COUNTY:**

On 3-25-11, LAPD Officers flying Air-3 picked up the LoJack signal from the victim's stolen 1997 Buick LeSabre. They put out a radio broadcast to LAPD and Santa Monica PD. Responding Santa Monica units observed the vehicle parked in the area of Ocean Ave. and Bay Street unoccupied. They requested back-up units, notified LAPD and set up a surveillance of the vehicle. Within a short time, they observed one female suspect enter the vehicle. The officers quickly deployed taking the suspect into custody. As the officers were placing the suspect under arrest, she spontaneously stated “It's about the vehicle. I found the keys on the sidewalk next to a liquor store. I thought it was a gift from God”. The suspect was turned over to LAPD Pacific Officers and arrested for 10851 (A) VC (Driving without Owners Consent). LAPD Pacific Detectives are conducting the follow-up investigation.

On 3-28-11, **within thirty two minutes of the LoJack system activating**, Long Beach PD officers heard a radio broadcast to meet California Highway Patrol officers with a stolen LoJack equipped vehicle, a 1993 Honda Accord. The officers quickly responded to 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Redondo Ave. where they relieved the CHP officer and set up a surveillance of the stolen vehicle. Within a few minutes, they observed a female suspect exit a laundry mat, load some clothing into the stolen vehicle and drive away. The officers conducted a high risk traffic stop taking the suspect into custody. The officers' investigation found the suspect had stolen her sister's vehicle by utilizing a shaved key to start it. The suspect also had been using her sister's name when she would get in trouble, which created a lot of legal problems for her sister. The suspect was also in possession of drugs and was on parole. The suspect was arrested for 487(D) PC (Grand Theft Auto) and a variety of assorted charges. Long Beach Detectives are conducting the investigation.

On 4-9-2011, the owners of a 2006 Ford Escort reported their vehicle stolen to the Riverside Sheriff's. This report generated an entry into the stolen vehicle system/ NCIC activating the LoJack system in the stolen Ford. **Within thirty minutes**, units from the LAPD Hollenbeck Division and LAPD Air Support Air-8, picked up the silent LoJack code and began tracking the moving signal. Flight officers from Air-8 located the moving vehicle N/B on the 101 Freeway and directed ground units. As the stolen Ford reached Soto St and the 101 Freeway, Hollenbeck units caught up to the vehicle and affected a high risk felony stop taking three occupants into custody without further incident. The occupants were transported to the Hollenbeck Division and booked for VC 10851 Driving without owners consent. The vehicle was stored for safe keeping and was undamaged. Case referred to station detectives. .

The owner of this **1971 Chevrolet Chevelle Classic** dropped his car off at a custom repair shop in Los Angeles for repairs. Apparently the body shop left it parked in their lot over night when thieves stole the vehicle. The victim was notified on 4-20-2011 that the car had been stolen and reported it to LAPD South West Division officers. LAPD caused the vehicle to be entered into the stolen vehicle system/NCIC. That action activated the hidden LoJack transponder on the vehicle. **Within 8 minutes of activation**, officers from the LAPD S/W Division began tracking the vehicle and located the vehicle in a short time parked and abandoned

on 41<sup>st</sup> PI and Avalon St, city of Los Angeles, CA. The vehicle was processed and released to the victim/owner in the field with minor damage to the ignition and missing the sound system. The owner indicated that he has invested **\$40,000** into his Classic and was really happy he had purchased LoJack. **"It got my baby back"**. LoJack system was installed by specially trained LoJack employees on October 27, 2009.

In the morning hours on 4-21-2011, the victims heard a back door slam in their home and noticed that someone had broken into their home and had stolen a lap top computer and keys to their 2008 Toyota Yaris. A short time later they discovered that their Toyota was also missing. They contacted the Pasadena PD who responded and obtained a "Hot prowler" burglary report. The vehicle was then entered into the stolen system/NCIC which activated the hidden LoJack transponder inside the vehicle. Within the next several hours, police agencies from the LAPD, Sheriffs, Highway Patrol and local cities were picking up the LoJack silent signal from the Toyota. LAPD Air-18 flight officers also picked up the signal and tracked the signal to the area of San Fernando Road near the Burbank Airport. They observed the vehicle being driven by a male suspect and followed the vehicle calling off the direction of travel. An LAPD unit from the Foothill Division overheard the broadcast and responded to the direction of Air-18. The stolen Toyota was observed pulling into a parking lot and backed into a parking space in an attempt to hide. The ground unit was seconds behind and entered the parking lot, observing the suspect sitting behind the wheel. A felony "high Risk" stop was initiated and the suspect was taken into custody without further incident. He was later transported back to Pasadena Detectives for further investigation. According to the Detective Supervisor, all of the victim's property was recovered that had been taken from the burglary. The suspect was later booked for the burglary.

On 4-24-2011, the owner of a 2002 Toyota Sienna reported the Vehicle stolen to LAPD Hollenbeck Division officers. **Within 2 minutes from the activation of the Toyota**, the LoJack silent signal was being picked up by a ground unit from LAPD Hollenbeck and Air-18 flight officers. The flight officers of Air-18 radioed ground units that they had the stolen van insight and were following the vehicle. They directed the ground officers to a parking lot to the rear of 370 Clarence Street where they observed two male individuals exit the vehicle and began walking away. The ground unit pulled into the lot and detained the two suspects. Once positive identification was made by the Air-18 crew, the two males were arrested, transported to the LAPD jail and booked VC 10851 DWOC. The victim responded to the parking lot to retrieve his vehicle and told the officers that he had started the vehicle prior to being stolen and left it running as he went back into his home. That apparently was when the suspects took advantage and stole the vehicle. Case was referred to Station detectives for filing.

On 4-25-2011, the owner of a 2004 Cadillac CTS reported their car stolen to Gardena Pd naming a suspect who stole their vehicle. Within 10 minutes of activation by Gardena Pd, deputies from the Marina Del Rey station had picked up the silent LoJack signal and began tracking the moving vehicle. LASD Aero Bureau deputies in Air-24 overheard the broadcast and responded to the area of Slauson and Fair Fax Ave. By that time the ground unit had lost contact with the vehicle, but the air unit was now tracking the moving unit. They soon located the vehicle and gave directions on the direction of travel as they tracked from the air. The ground deputies caught up to the vehicle and affected a felony traffic stop taking two individuals into custody. At that time they determined that the driver was the named suspect and arrested her. The passenger was released at the scene as she had no knowledge the car was stolen. The driver was booked VC 10851 DWOC and the vehicle stored and undamaged.

On 4-27-2011, the owner of a **1984 Chevrolet El Camino Classic** drove to a local store, parked and secured her vehicle. According to the Victim, she exited the store after a 20 minute period and saw that her El Camino was gone. At that time, she received a call from the LoJack Early Warning device confirming her vehicle was moving on the roadway. She immediately called the local PD and reported her vehicle stolen. This action automatically activated the on board LoJack system. **Within 3 minutes** of activation, deputies from the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Walnut Station were picking up the silent LoJack signal. One of the deputies gave out the description and direction of where the signal was coming from. Another deputy drove to the area of the 60 Freeway and Fairway and located the vehicle parked and unoccupied in a parking lot. Assisting deputies responded and set up containment. Within 15 minutes, the deputies observed a Maroon Chevrolet containing two males pull up next to the Chevrolet El Camino. One suspect then entered the stolen El Camino the deputies deployed on the vehicles and arrested the suspect that was in the El Camino. The second suspect sped away and that vehicle was later located 4 miles away from the 60 Freeway. No suspect was located at that time; however, deputies have a lead on the second suspect. The suspect in the El Camino, who was a Parolee, admitted he knew the El Camino was stolen, but did not admit to the theft. He was later booked on several felony charges. The El Camino was stored and later processed for evidence. Deputies indicated the

minimal damaged to the El Camino was the ignition. ***The owner of the El Camino was contacted and indicated that this was her second car that had been stolen and the only one to ever get recovered, thanks to LoJack.***

#### **LoJack of ORANGE COUNTY:**

On 4-13-2011, an officer from Santa Ana Pd was on routine patrol when he picked up the silent signal from a LoJack equipped vehicle reported less than an hour prior. As he began tracking the moving signal from Fairview and Willets, the signal was lost. Information was broadcasted to other units. This officer was then detailed to a vehicle burglary report and after the completion, he left the address. As he responded back to the area where he last lost the signal, he acquired the signal again and tracked it to a parking area behind an apartment. As he rolled up towards the vehicle, he observed a male walking away from the vehicle. He detained this individual while waiting for back up. At that time a female approached and told the officer she was with this individual and at this point, detained both subjects as back up arrived. These subjects were patted down for weapons and keys to the stolen vehicle were found on the female. Assisting officers were in the process of conducting a vehicle inventory of the stolen when they found property which appeared to be the same as reported earlier in the vehicle burglary. The victim of the burglary responded to the scene and identified the property found as being from their vehicle burglary. The suspects were questioned further and the female admitted to this vehicle burglary as well as stealing a Nissan Altima and a Ford Expedition stolen from Santa Ana.

On 4-17-2011, officers from the Santa Ana Pd picked up the silent LoJack signal of a stolen 1995 Acura Integra reported less than one hour prior to the PD. The officer equipped with the LoJack tracking unit shortly tracked the signal to an apartment building located in the 400 block of W. Washington and pinpointed the signal to one of the closed garages. The officer was certain he knew which unit was broadcasting the signal but conducted a further investigation. The officers made contact with five of the residents and requested that they open their garage to eliminate their garages. When they opened unit #3, they could see the stolen vehicle thru an opening in #2. They contacted the resident in apt #2 and asked him what kind of car was parked inside his garage. The subject told them it was an Integra; the officers conducted further investigation and eventually determined he was responsible for the theft of the vehicle. The suspect was arrested and later booked VC 10851 DWOC and receiving stolen property. Recovered from the garage were three Honda engines which are under investigation by station Detectives. The vehicle was processed and later released to the victim.

#### **LoJack of SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY:**

On 04-07-2011, **just nine minutes after being activated**, a Fontana PD ground unit and Fontana PD Flight Officers flying Air-44 picked up the silent LoJack homing signal from a stolen 2006 Ford F-150 4x4 Pick-Up Truck, which had been reported to Riverside PD. The signal was first picked up in the vicinity of Banana and Slover. Air-44 tracked and isolated the signal to a large commercial business complex at Slover and Jasmine. The responding ground units quickly "pinpointed" the signal to a tractor trailer rig at the rear of the location and determined that the stolen truck was inside the trailer. Also parked at the location was a large heavy duty grade tow truck. Fontana PD Auto Theft Detectives responded and assumed the investigation. Through their investigation the registered owner of both rigs was identified. While conducting their investigation, a male adult drove up in another vehicle, got out and looked around both rigs then left. He was stopped and detained and provided information on the registered owner. The registered owner was contacted and arrived at the location a short time later. Upon his arrival he was arrested for Auto Theft and Possession of Stolen Property. The undamaged truck was later processed for evidence and released to the rightful owner..

On 04-07-2011, a witness who lives in the area of "I" and Mojave in the City of Hesperia, where pipeline construction was being done, observed two male suspects load a 2004 Ingersoll-Rand Roller onto a low-boy trailer and drove off. He wasn't sure if they were employees of the company doing the work, but when they fastened the rolled down with a single chain he became suspicious and contacted the company doing the work. Representatives of the construction company arrived and obtained a description of the suspects and their vehicle. However, they could not wait for sheriff's deputies to arrive (delay due to work load) to make a stolen vehicle report. They completed the report the next day and within forty-three minutes of being activated, a CHP Flight Officer flying Airplane 81 picked up the silent LoJack signal from the stolen roller. The signal was tracked and isolated to a large property at Fremontia and Yucca Terrace, in Oak Hills. The pilot advised that there were other pieces of equipment at the location and detectives from Auto Theft Taskforce Units CHP ISU,

SANCATT and the reporting deputy responded. Contact was made with the owner who gave them consent to search the location. The detectives located the described truck and trailer used in the theft and recovered the roller (minus the engine), which had been completely cut up. Other roller components, which were cut up, were also recovered along with a Corona PD stolen 2008 John Deere 210LE Skip Loader, valued at \$48,000.00. The Roller was valued at \$20,000.00, for a total recovery value of \$68,000.00. The suspect admitted to the theft and was arrested for Auto Theft and Possession of Stolen Property. Charges may still be pending for operating a chop shop for construction equipment as this investigation unfolds.

On 04-11-2011, **within five minutes of activation**, a San Bernardino Sheriff's Central Area deputy in the vicinity of the station at Third Street and Waterman Avenue picked up the LoJack Silent homing signal from a 2002 Ford Explorer, which had just been reported to the San Bernardino PD. The deputy initiated a LoJack stolen vehicle broadcast, which included her location and signal direction. She began tracking the signal in a northeast direction requesting assistance from other units. Sheriff's Flight Deputies flying helicopter 40-KING also picked the signal and began tracking toward the area of Waterman and Base Line. Air and ground units "isolated" the signal to a gas station at Highland and Boulder, just east of a shopping center in the unincorporated City of Highland. The stolen vehicle was observed in the station occupied by one male adult suspect, who was taken into custody without incident. The suspect, an active parolee, was arrested for Auto Theft, Possession of Stolen Property and Parole Violation. There was also a "Voice Message" on his cell phone telling him to return the vehicle, which he had not done. The undamaged vehicle was later returned to the owner.

On 04-26-2011, Ontario PD Flight Officers flying Helicopter Air-30 were flying in the vicinity of the northeast side of the Los Angeles/Ontario International Airport, when they picked up the silent LoJack homing signal from a stolen 1998 Chevrolet Suburban, which had just been reported to Fontana PD **just four minutes prior**. Air-30 began tracking the signal to the west side of the airport to Bonview and State and requested ground units to respond. The flight crew then observed a vehicle matching that of the stolen Suburban and advised ground units of the location. As the units approached Bonview and Holt Boulevard they too saw the vehicle as it was pulling into a parking area of a business. Several units converged on the stolen vehicle and the male adult suspect driving it. He was taken into custody without incident and arrested for Auto Theft and Possession of Stolen Property. The undamaged vehicle was towed and stored.. **This is also the second time that this vehicle was stolen and recovered by LoJack.**

#### **LoJack of RIVERSIDE COUNTY:**

On 04-02-2011, a little over one hour after being activated, Riverside PD Flight Officers flying helicopter RPD-1 picked up the silent LoJack homing signal from a stolen 1992 Honda Accord, which had been reported to LAPD Hollenbeck Division. The flight officers notified Riverside Sheriff's Moreno Valley units of the activation and gave their location and signal direction, as they were in the county area at Indian Avenue and Bay Street. The air and ground units tracked the signal to a residence in the 24300 block of Bairndale Street where the stolen vehicle was located parked, unoccupied, on the street in front of the residence. The stolen vehicle information received indicated that there was a "named suspect" in the theft with and a physical description of the female suspect. Contact was made with the occupants of the residence who indicated that a male friend of theirs and his girlfriend arrived there in the vehicle. They had just left and were walking northbound on Ramsdell Street. The RSO Deputies then located both suspects, who were detained. The female (foster daughter of the victim) was indeed the named suspect in the theft and was arrested for Auto Theft and Possession of Stolen Property. The male, in his infinite wisdom, decided to give false information to the deputies, name, DOB, address and was arrested for doing just that. He would have otherwise been released as he had nothing to do with the theft. The undamaged vehicle was towed and stored.

On 04-05-2011, **within thirty minutes of activation**, Riverside Sheriff's Perris Station Deputies in the City of Menifee began tracking the silent LoJack homing signal from a stolen 2006 Sullair Compressor, which had been reported to the Norco Station. The signal was picked up near Scott Road and the 215 Freeway and indicated that the stolen compressor was west of that location. Riverside Auto Theft Interdiction Detail Detectives (RAID) was aware of the theft and quickly responded to assist the patrol units. The compressor was eventually located on a very large property in Menifee, with an overwhelming amount of construction equipment on it. The individual that was detained provided follow-up information as to whom he purchased the stolen Sullair compressor from. He also pointed out five additional pieces of equipment he purchased from the same person. All of these items were determined to be stolen and were eventually recovered.

On 04/06/2011, RAID Investigators conducted a follow-up investigation on information obtained the day prior to a small property in Perris, CA. A subject was identified and a consent search was conducted, where six additional pieces of equipment were identified as stolen, as well as some smaller hand held equipment. The subject claimed that he did sell equipment to a person whom he has done business with for several years in Menifee. He also claimed to have purchased all of the stolen equipment from the same group of people but did not provide any information on how to find them. The suspect that obtained this stolen equipment could only provide a hand written bill of sale and did not possess a single title. The subject stated that he has been in the rental equipment business for over thirty years. Based on this information he should have knowledge that the items he possessed were obtained by theft. This suspect will be charged with Possession of Stolen Vehicles and Stolen Property. Surveillance video of several suspects (not yet identified) was obtained from two thefts at a storage facility in Menifee. Based on information by RAID Investigators so far, this group of suspects is deemed to be operating a Theft Ring. **This is Theft Ring number 408 for LoJack of Southern California and the estimated value of this recovery has been set at \$226,500.00.** Further investigation is being conducted to identify and locate the additional suspects. .

On 04-29-2011, **twenty-eight minutes after being activated**, Riverside Sheriff's Moreno Valley deputies picked up the silent LoJack homing signal from a 2006 Chevrolet Silverado Truck, which had just been reported stolen to their station. The deputies tracked the LoJack signal to a residence in the 13500 block of Rockcrest Drive, where they "pinpointed" it to the garage. They approached the garage, which was partly open and located the stolen truck inside, with the license plate clearly visible. Contact was made with the occupants and while talking to them outside the garage door suddenly closed. An officer safety sweep was conducted inside the residence where the owner of the house was located. The deputies noticed that there were numerous vehicle parts inside the residence and feeling that this might be a "Chop Shop" investigators from Riverside County Auto Theft Interdiction Detail RAID were requested to respond. RAID Investigators upon arrival noticed the garage door was open with the stolen truck inside and partially stripped, with the hood, fenders, seat, interior panels and miscellaneous other parts remove. Numerous other vehicle parts not belonging to the truck were also observed. When they contacted the owned/suspect he made a spontaneous statement that he knew they were there about the "stolen truck" in the garage and gave written consent to search the rest of the location. Recovered were numerous car parts consisting of seats, fenders, doors, panels, lights, and a key ring with several "shaved keys" and numerous other car parts. A Chevrolet Tahoe, belonging to the owner was in the process of being outfitted with some of the stolen parts. The suspect was also wearing brand name tennis shoes and shoe prints consistent with his shoes were located on the engine of the stolen truck. This was classified as a "Chop Shop Operation" and the suspect was arrested for this as well as other auto theft related charges. **This is "Chop Shop" number 410 for LoJack of Southern California and is also the second time that this truck has been stolen and recovered by LoJack.**

#### **LoJack of SAN DIEGO COUNTY:**

On 04-01-11, the victim reported his car stolen near Rosecrans and the I-5 Freeway. The victim said he was giving a man a ride when the man forced him out of his car and sped off. **Within five minutes of being entered as stolen, San Diego Police Officers assigned to Central Division received the silent signal from the stolen 2007 Kia truck near the 1300 block of K St.** They followed the signal and observed the car in the 1100 block of "J" Street, and occupied by three suspects. A felony stop was initiated and all three suspects were detained. Through interviewing it was determined that two of the suspects were not involved with the theft and they were released. The third suspect was arrested and booked for auto-theft. The car was stored for safe keeping to be returned to the owner at a later date.

On 04-04-11, an Oceanside Police Officer was just leaving the station, when he received the silent signal of a stolen 2008 Kawasaki ZX600 motorcycle that had been reported stolen to USMC Camp Pendleton authorities. He started following the signal and narrowed it down to a garage in a large apartment complex in the 3800 block of San Ramon Street. Knowing that the Regional Auto Theft Taskforce (RATT) was working stolen motorcycles, he called them to respond to the scene. Detectives from RATT responded and took over the investigation. They were able to learn that the person belonging to the garage was a military person as was the victim. Contact was made with that person and through interviews another person was implemented in the theft of the motorcycle. Two suspects were booked for auto theft and the motorcycle was recovered within hours of being reported stolen.

**MEXICO RECOVERIES: LoJack Mexico (Car-Mart) assisted authorities to recover fifteen (15) US stolen vehicles during the month of April 2011.**

**LoJack recoveries that occurred in the below counties did not have specific recovery stories written up.**

**LoJack of VENTURA COUNTY:**

**LoJack of SANTA BARBARA COUNTY:**

**LoJack of IMPERIAL COUNTY:**

**LoJack of SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY:**