

To: ALL LOJACK - SVRN Coordinators

From: Law Enforcement Liaisons
LoJack Corporation – Southern California Operations

Re: Monthly Update Report for November **2009, Southern California:**

During the month of November there were: **368** countable “activations”.
(Los Angeles Co. =205 ; Orange Co. =25 ; Riverside Co. =28 ; San Bernardino Co. =36 ; Santa Barbara Co. =1 ; San Diego Co. =63 San Luis Obispo Co. =1 ; Ventura Co =6 ; Imperial Co =3 ;
Number of activations for this calendar year to date **Southern California (09) =4369**
Total number of activations last calendar year = 5558
Total number of activations since system in operation (1990) **Southern California =46264**
Total number of “chop shops” and or “rings” for LoJack system **Southern California = 372**

HIGHLIGHT ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF November 2009:

LoJack of LOS ANGELES COUNTY:

On 11/04/09, San Fernando Police Department and LAPD Mission Division officers picked up the silent LoJack homing signal from the 2004 Nissan Frontier, in the area of Glenoaks Blvd and Polk Street, (6 minutes after being reported stolen) with their on board LoJack Police Tracking Computers. San Fernando PD patrol officers located the vehicle in the rear yard of a private residence and notified LAPD Mission patrol officers who then responded to the location. Detectives from CECATS (Community Effort to Combat Auto Theft) were requested and responded to the location to handle the investigation. Detectives observed the suspect drive up to residence in a black Honda pilot. The suspect exited his vehicle along with his family and entered the front yard. The suspect walked to the rear yard, then returned and looked through a window of his residence. The suspect spoke with a neighbor, and then entered to his residence. The suspect left the location a short time later, and drove from the location. LAPD patrol officers made contacted with the suspect, who admitted living at the location. The suspect returned to his residence where he gave consent to search the property for the stolen vehicle. Detectives entered the rear yard and conducted an inspection of the vehicle. Their investigation revealed that the inside dash components, along with the steering wheel were removed and placed in a junked truck bed. Detectives found that the radiator was removed and the hoses were cut. Tools used for dismantling and stripping vehicles, including wrenches, Sawzall, and jacks were scattered around the yard. Two airbags from the stolen vehicle were removed by the suspect and recovered at the location. The LAPD Bomb Squad was notified and responded to the location, were they rendered the air bags safe. The suspect was taken into custody for 10801 VC (Chop Shop) without incident. This investigation is being conducted by Detectives from LAPD CECATS, who classified this incident was as a **Chop Shop (# 370 for LoJack Southern California Operations).**

On 11/09/09, LAPD Devonshire patrol officers picked up the silent LoJack homing signal from the stolen 2006 Lincoln LT on their on board LoJack Police Tracking Computer. The officers tracked and located the vehicle in the area of Havenhurst Ave and Chatsworth Street. **Los Angeles County TRAP** (Taskforce for Regional Auto theft Prevention) West Team detectives were notified and advised that the suspect had removed the license plates from the vehicle. Galpin Lincoln paper plates were attached with a used vehicle identification slip on the front window of the vehicle. The detectives responded to the location and took over the investigation. TRAP detectives deployed the **SCI integrity tracker device** on the vehicle. Detectives continued spot checking the vehicle, and were conducting surveillance while obtaining valuable information on the case. The detectives were then notified by the SCI Integrity tracking device that the vehicle was moving, and they responded to Foothill Blvd and Terra Bella Street. LAPD Foothill patrol officers also responded and conducted a traffic stop, taking the suspect into custody for

auto theft. The suspect confessed to committing **insurance fraud** and that he was given the truck to have it chopped up. Suspect is an active Pacoima gang member with a long criminal history. The suspect gave investigators information on a business that is operating a chop shop. Detectives from TRAP are conducting this ongoing investigation.

On 11/11/09, **Los Angeles County TRAP** (Taskforce for Regional Autotheft Prevention) West Team Detectives picked up the silent LoJack homing signal from the stolen 2003 Mitsubishi Eclipse on their **fixed office LoJack Police Tracking Computer**, alerting them of the stolen vehicle in their area. Detectives contacted air support and tracked the vehicle to the Van Nuys Plant located in the area of the 7900 block of Van Nuys Blvd. A high risk traffic stop was conducted, and the suspect was taken into custody for auto theft without any incident. The suspect had his four year old son with him at the time of the arrest. The investigation revealed that suspect admitted being on Methamphetamine for the past two days and is on formal probation for burglary. The suspect confessed and was able to identify other suspects that are stealing cars. This investigation is still ongoing and is being conducted by detectives from TRAP.

On 11-13-09, officers from Pomona PD and surrounding communities picked up the silent LoJack signal on a stolen 2003 BMW 325 within minutes of entry into the stolen system by San Bernardino PD. Flight officers from Pomona PD Air-1 overheard the broadcast and immediately left their Heliport picking up the signal. They tracked and located the stolen vehicle parked in the 2300 block of Angela observing two suspects walking away from the vehicle. The observer maintained a visual on the suspects directing ground units into the location where they made contact and detained the suspects. The ground units identified the driver and arrested him. The passenger was found to have outstanding warrants so he also was taken into custody. The BMW was stored for safe keeping. It should be noted that this was the second time this BMW had been stolen and recovered by LoJack since Jan 2008.

On 11/19/09, Detectives from CECATS (Community Effort to Combat Auto Theft) picked up the silent LoJack homing signal from the 2006 Chevrolet Silverado, in the area of the 210 freeway and Glenoaks Blvd, (33 minutes after being reported stolen) with their portable LoJack Police Tracking Computers. LAPD "**Air 10**" was notified, responded and picked up the signal, locating the vehicle within four minutes. The detectives set up surveillance on the stolen vehicle. A suspect was observed approaching the vehicle several times, and then walking away. The suspect entered a fast food restaurant and was asking customers for a change of clothes, which was overheard by the detectives. The suspect admitted to detectives that he was on parole for auto theft and observed the helicopter following the stolen vehicle. The suspect related that his friend picked him up at a residence in the stolen vehicle. He noticed that the dash was removed along with the glove box. The driver told him that he was removing the On Star. They drove to the business to dump the car and hide from the police. The suspect was taken into custody for auto theft without incident. This investigation is being conducted by Detectives from LAPD CECATS.

On 11-20-09, **within two minutes of the LoJack system activating**, LAPD Southeast officers picked up the LoJack signal from the victim's stolen 2004 Chevrolet Monte Carlo. The officers tracked the signal to the front yard of a residence located in the 1100 block of E.114th Street. They observed the vehicle to be unoccupied and other vehicle parts scattered around the yard. They quickly set up a surveillance of the location. After thirty minutes, the officers decided to knock on the front door of the residence. Their investigation found the owner of the property stated he got the vehicle from a friend but didn't know how to get in contact with his friend. They checked the parts in the yard and found stolen parts off of a 2008 Toyota Corolla. The owner was arrested for 496 PC (Receiving Stolen Property). Southeast Detectives are conducting the investigation.

STOLEN IN OKLAHOMA, RECOVERED IN LOS ANGELES ON 11-20-09

When the owners of a 2006 Lexus 4dr realized they had become the victim of embezzlement four weeks earlier, they reported the crime to the **Oklahoma City Police Department**. The vehicle information was

entered into the NCIC police computer on 11/20/09. This routine police action automatically activated the LoJack transponder concealed in the vehicle. Neither the owner nor law enforcement had to do anything else to activate the LoJack Stolen Vehicle Recovery Network because LoJack's interface with law enforcement is both seamless and instantaneous. Just four minutes after a nationwide activation was done on this vehicle, several law enforcement agencies in **San Bernardino and LA Counties in CA.** began picking up the homing signal being broadcast from the stolen vehicle with their LoJack onboard police tracking computers installed in their patrol cars. By using the computer's signal strength and relative bearing indicator deputies from the LA County Sheriff's Department began to track the stolen Lexus. **Flight Deputies in Air-22** LA County helicopter were also receiving the signal and began to follow the stolen Lexus. As the stolen vehicle entered the city of Downey, CA. officers observed the vehicle and a felony vehicle stop was conducted at Florence and Lakewood Blvd. The male driver was taken into custody without incident. Charges are pending in this on-going investigation.

On 11-21-09, **within sixteen minutes of the LoJack system activating**, LASD deputies picked up the LoJack signal from the victim's stolen 2000 Honda Civic. They tracked the signal to the backyard of a residence located in the 20400 block of Arline Ave. They secured the area and called the residents out to the location. After obtaining a consent search of the location, they located the stolen vehicle in the process of being stripped in the rear yard along with numerous other vehicle parts. TRAP Detectives were called to the location. Their investigation located several witnesses and two suspects who were interviewed. The suspects were a boyfriend-girlfriend team. They had stolen the vehicle and were stripping it to sell the parts. The Deputies even located the person who was there to buy the stolen vehicle parts. Both suspects were arrested for 10801 VC (Operating a Chop Shop). The TRAP Detectives filed felony charges on both suspects.

LoJack of ORANGE COUNTY:

On 11-16-09, the victim and owner of a 1999 Acura Integra had been at a stereo store when several male "gang member" suspects armed with what appeared to be a hand gun robbed the victim and fled in the "Car Jacked" Acura. Within minutes of reporting the vehicle to Buena Park Police, the vehicle was entered into the stolen system NCIC which activated the silent LoJack signal. An **Auto Theft Detective from Anaheim Pd** overheard the broadcast of an "Armed Car Jack" and received notification from LoJack that that vehicle was equipped with a LoJack system. He immediately began searching the area where known gang members lived and picked up the signal with his portable LoJack tracking unit. The detective tracked the signal to a garage of an apartment complex in Anaheim and requested additional Anaheim detectives to respond and set up surveillance. Three male "gang" individuals exited the garage and locked the garage door. All three males were detained as the scene and were discovered to be brothers. Detectives from Buena Park Pd responded to the scene to take charge of the "Car Jack" investigation. A search warrant was obtained and the vehicle was recovered inside the garage partially stripped. A replica hand gun was also recovered that had been used in the "car jacking". All three suspects were booked for PC 215 Armed Car Jack. (Note that the current owner of this 1999 Acura Integra did not know LoJack had been installed in his vehicle)

On 11-27-09, officers from the Anaheim Police Department were on patrol when they received a silent LoJack signal on a stolen 2005 Chevrolet Tahoe while they were in the area of the 22 Freeway and the 5 Freeway. After obtaining the description via dispatch, they continued tracking the signal and located the vehicle parked and unoccupied in a rear apartment complex in the 4000 block of West El Rancho, city of Orange. The officers established surveillance while waiting for back up from Orange PD. Within a few minutes the suspects entered the vehicle and began driving off. Anaheim officers immediately deployed on the vehicle, taking the suspects into custody without further incident. The suspects were later booked for VC 10851 DWOC and the vehicle was stored and undamaged. Case referred to the detectives for filing of felony charges.

LoJack of SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY:

On 09-28-09, **just ten minutes after being activated**, San Bernardino PD Officers and San Bernardino Sheriff's Flight Deputies flying Helicopter 40-KING, picked up the silent LoJack homing signal from 2009 Lexus 250, which had just been reported stolen to the Beverly Hills PD. The first officer getting the signal was in the vicinity of Highland Avenue and Mount Vernon Street; he initiated a broadcast of the LoJack signal, his location and signal direction. Helicopter 40-KING and ground units quickly determined that the vehicle was southbound on the 215 Freeway from the 259 Freeway Interchange. The units continued to follow the signal, which was getting stronger, finally observing the vehicle southbound passing the I-10 Freeway occupied by several suspects. At this point the driver failed to stop for the police and a pursuit ensued. The pursuit continued for several miles into the City of Riverside, where the driver took the Center Street exit. The driver then stopped and fled from the vehicle on foot. He was apprehended by pursuing officers and the additional suspects were taken into custody, without incident, at the vehicle. The suspects were arrested for Auto Theft and Possession of Stolen Property, with additional charges on the driver for Felony Evading and Resisting Arrest. The stolen vehicle was processed for evidence then towed and stored.

On 11-24-09, a San Bernardino Area CHP Officer picked up the silent LoJack homing signal from the stolen 2003 Cadillac Escalade that had been reported to Riverside Sheriff's Southwest Station the night before. Also acquiring the signal was San Bernardino Sheriff's Flight Deputies flying Helicopter 40-KING. The signal was tracked and "pinpointed" to a residence in the 300 block of South Macy Street, in the City of Colton. CHP Investigative Services Unit (ISU) Investigators responded to the location and assumed the investigation. Surveillance was established and sometime later the investigators made contact with the occupants. Consent to search the garage was obtained and the Cadillac, which was being completely stripped, was recovered. The occupants were eliminated as suspects in the theft and gave investigators reliable information on the suspect who was using the garage. Several days later in their follow-up investigation, this suspect was arrested and charged with Operating a Chop Shop, Auto Theft and other related charges. The investigation is continuing with the suspect providing information on additional suspect, who he was stealing and stripping the car for. **This is "Chop Shop" number 372 for LoJack of Southern California Operations.**

LoJack of RIVERSIDE COUNTY:

On 11-06-09, Riverside Sheriff's Deputies assigned to the Moreno Valley Station, picked up the silent LoJack homing signal from a 1998 Acura Integra, which had been reported stolen to the Corona Police Department earlier that morning. The deputy receiving the activation tracked and "pinpointed" the signal to a residence in the 24800 block of Eucalyptus Avenue. A portion of the rear yard was visible from the front of the location, with an access road on the west side. As the deputy approached the rear yard via this access road, he observed and detained a male adult in the yard. He also observed another black vehicle (stolen Acura) move further back behind the house. This vehicle was stopped by another deputy and three additional male suspects were detained. Thinking that this might be a "chop shop", the County Auto Theft Taskforce (RAID) was requested to assist. RAID Detectives responded and assumed the investigation. During the course of their investigation it was determined that one of suspects had brought the stolen Acura to the location. A "shaved key" was also removed from this suspect during a search. During his interview he gave the same old story that he was contacted by a friend that knew of a vehicle for sale and that another guy brought it over to the house. He then paid this guy \$700.00 for the car. Of course he could not provide any reliable information on either person and gave other conflicting statements. He was arrested for Auto Theft and Possession of Stolen Property and the vehicle was towed and stored.

On 11-08-09, **within eight minutes of being activated and while the stolen vehicle report was still**

being completed, Riverside PD Air "PD-1" and a Riverside Sheriff Jurupa Station K-9 Deputy picked up the silent LoJack homing signal from the stolen 2000 Ford F-250 4X4 Truck (Extreme lift and oversize tires), which was very identifiable. RPD-1 was still in their city and the sheriff's deputy was just completing a call in Mira Loma, when he glanced at his LoJack tracking head and noticed there was a LoJack code displayed. He immediately ran the LoJack number and advised dispatch of his location and signal direction. He then began tracking the signal westbound to the intersection of Rutilo and Bain Streets, where the signal strength began to increase dramatically. At this time the stolen Ford truck passed directly in front of him driven by a male adult suspect. As the deputy turned and fell in behind the stolen truck he was joined by another unit. As they attempted a vehicle stop the suspect driver fled and a pursuit ensued. After a short pursuit the suspect drove into the hills north of the 60 Freeway at the dead end of Pedley Road. Air RPD-1 had arrived at the location just before the suspect reached the dead end and assisted the ground units with air coverage eliminating any possibility of the suspect fleeing on foot. The suspect then attempted to run down the deputies by backing toward them as they were approaching on foot. He failed and buried the truck to the rear axle and was then taken into custody without further incident. It was later determined that the suspect was a parolee and he was arrested for Parole Violation, Assault with a Deadly Weapon (vehicle) on a Police Officer, Auto Theft, Possession of Stolen Property and Resisting Arrest. There was no damage to the vehicle, which was released to the extremely happy victim. He was very grateful to the deputies and LoJack for getting his truck back, which was valued at approximately \$70,000.00.

On 11-14-09, **just twenty-four minutes after being activated**, Riverside Sheriff's Deputies assigned to Lake Elsinore Station picked up the silent LoJack homing signal from the stolen 2004 Chevrolet Suburban, which had just been reported to their station. The first unit acquiring the signal was in the vicinity of State Highway 74 (Ortega Highway) and Grand Avenue, and began tracking the signal toward the I-15 Freeway, several miles west from that location. As the responding units were approaching the area of Nichols and El Toro Roads the LoJack signal was increasing rapidly, an indication that the stolen vehicle was very near. They "isolated" the signal to a residence at 11th and El Toro Road where the stolen vehicle was located in the rear yard being stripped by two male suspects. The suspects, one of which was on parole, were detained without incident and arrested for Auto Theft, Possession of Stolen Property and the one for Parole Violation. In addition, they also recovered a stolen dirt bike motorcycle, which was towed and stored along with the partially stripped Suburban.

On 11-29-09, **within five minutes of being activated**, a Riverside Sheriff's K-9 Unit picked up the silent LoJack homing signal from a 2007 Toyota Camry, which had just been reported stolen to the Pomona Police Department. The deputy was in the vicinity of Opal Street and Mission Boulevard when he picked up the signal. Along with another unit the signal was tracked and the stolen vehicle located on Opal Street north of Mission Boulevard. The vehicle had been stripped of all the seats, doors, hood, and trunk lid. The K-9 Deputy determined that the vehicle had not been there very long, as he had been in the area several times that night. It also appeared, by the physical evidence at the scene, that the vehicle had either been driven or pushed to the location. The deputy recalled that he had handled a "chop shop" about four years prior, not too far from the location. He made a follow-up to that residence and observed two other vehicles parked in the driveway, both of which came back registered in the City of Pomona (same city as the stolen). The occupant of the residence was contacted and indicated he knew nothing about stolen vehicles or any other illegal activity. He was more than cooperative giving the deputy consent to look into the garage. That is where the parts to the stolen vehicle were recovered. Thinking that he just might have another chop shop location he notified RAID, the County Auto Theft Taskforce. A RAID Team responded and assumed the investigation. The occupant stated that the stolen car belonged to his brother, who spent all day in the rear yard and then left. The rest of the family had no idea what he was doing. RAID Detectives are conducting further investigation into this case to determine any other crimes that may have been committed and by whom. **This is the second major LoJack recovery in the past several weeks that this K-9 Deputy and RAID Detectives have been involved with. Great Job!**

LoJack of SAN DIEGO COUNTY:

On 11-06-09, a San Diego County Sheriff's Deputy assigned to the Alpine station, was on patrol near the Sycuan Casino when he received the silent signal from a stolen 1995 GMC pickup. He tracked the signal to a large parking structure and ultimately located the stolen vehicle. With the assistance of another deputy, they contacted Sycuan security. The deputies were given information that identified a suspect, who was later arrested in the casino. The suspect was booked for auto theft and the vehicle was recovered without sustain any damage.

On 11-13-09, a San Diego Police Officer assigned to Western Division was near 30th St. and El Cajon Blvd., when he received the silent signal from a stolen **2004 BMW just three minutes after it had been reported stolen**. He started tracking the signal and advising other units of his progress. A few minutes later another officer observed the vehicle being operated in the 4400 block of Central Ave. and arrested the suspect. The suspect said another party had given him the vehicle, but he knew it was stolen. The suspect was booked for auto theft and the car was recovered **thirty minutes after it was reported stolen, and did not sustain any damage**.

LoJack of VENTURA COUNTY:

On 11/22/09, Ventura Police Department patrol officers picked up the silent LoJack homing signal from the stolen 2006 Chevrolet Silverado, (within **15** minutes after the vehicle was reported stolen), on their on board LoJack police tracking computer. The vehicle was located in a parking lot of a business in the area of Main Street and Telephone Road. The suspects were observed driving from the location to the intersection of Main Street and Mill Road where officers attempted a high risk traffic stop. The suspects then drove back through the shopping center where the vehicle came to an abrupt stop, and both suspects fled on foot, running into oncoming traffic toward a department store. The driver was taken into custody after one of the officers deployed an X26 Taser due to the suspect's hazardous behavior. The suspect was booked into the Ventura County jail for vehicle theft, resisting arrest and receiving stolen property. The passenger is still outstanding, and the investigation is ongoing.

No notable activities in LoJack of IMPERIAL COUNTY LoJack of SANTA BARBARA and LoJack SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY:

MEXICO RECOVERIES: Mexico authorities recovered seven (7) US stolen vehicles during the month of November 2009.

On 11-23-09, Baja State Police received the silent signal from the Toyota and tracked it to a street in Rosarito Beach. They located the vehicle and a few feet away observed a 2009 Nissan Armada. This vehicle had been reported stolen to San Diego Police Department on 11-10-09. Both vehicles were recovered and stored to be returned to the United States at a later date.

Later in the day they received the silent signal to a 2003 Ford F250 that had been reported stolen to National City Police on 11-20-09. They tracked the signal to a repair shop in Tijuana. Once inside the facility they recovered a 2004 Honda, Chula Vista stolen 11-09-09; 1998 Dodge station wagon that was a "Car Jacking" in Chula Vista 10-28-09; 2000 Ford F250 San Diego stolen on 11-11-09; 2002 Chevrolet Sierra (owner was in Rosarito Beach On 11-01-09 and his vehicle was stolen. He returned home to Baldwin Park and the local police took a theft report); 2003 Volkswagen Chula Vista stolen on 09-20-09 and a 1995 Chevrolet Suburban registered in Baja and reported stolen to Tijuana Municipal Police on 10-30-09. **The vehicles were recovered and the shop owner was arrested for operating a chop shop.**