



**To: ALL LOJACK - SVRN Coordinators**

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

During the month of December there were: **366** countable “activations.”

Los Angeles Co. = 193 ; Orange Co. = 32 ; Riverside Co. = 34 ; San Bernardino Co. = 38 ; Santa Barbara Co. = 1; San Diego Co. = 65; San Luis Obispo Co. =0; Ventura Co = 3; Imperial Co = 0.

Number of activations for this calendar year to date **Southern California (09) = 4735**

Total number of activations last calendar year = **5558**

Total number of activations since system in operation (1990) **Southern California = 46630**

Total number of “chop shops” and or “rings” for LoJack system **Southern California = 374**

### **HIGHLIGHT ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF December 2009:**

#### **LoJack of LOS ANGELES COUNTY:**

On 11/04/09, Los Angeles County TRAP (Taskforce for Regional Autotheft Prevention) West Team Detectives picked up the silent LoJack homing signal from the stolen 1998 Ford Explorer on their portable Police Tracking Computer, within **4 minutes** of the vehicle being reported stolen. The detectives were advised that a commercial burglary occurred on 11/04/09 at a used car dealer at the corner of Sierra Highway and Avenue I. At the time of the burglary, two vehicles (1998 Ford Explorer and a 2001 Chevrolet Trailblazer) were stolen off the lot as well as the keys to all of the other vehicles on the car lot. Trap detectives tracked and located both stolen vehicles. TRAP detectives deployed the LoJack SCI integrity tracker device on the Ford Explorer, and monitored the activity. The detectives notified Lancaster deputies that the stolen Ford Explorer had moved and gave them the location. The deputies responded and attempted to stop the stolen vehicle. The suspect failed to comply and led the deputies on a short pursuit, then abandoned the vehicle and escaped capture. TRAP detectives reviewed surveillance video and obtained a photo of the suspect. The Lancaster Sheriffs burglary suppression team viewed the photo and was able to make a positive identification of the suspect. **On 12/03/09**, TRAP West detectives obtained a search warrant for the suspect’s residence and an arrest warrant for the suspect. Lancaster burglary suppression unit, being familiar with the residence, performed the entry into the suspect’s residence. Trap detectives held the perimeter, at which time the suspect exited the bedroom window armed with a **9mm pistol**. The suspect ran and attempted to flee, but was detained by the deputies after being tased. The suspect is an admitted **“Nazi Low-rider” skin head** and is an ex-convict. He was interviewed at the station where he confessed to stealing the vehicle, fleeing from deputies who were pursuing him, putting the cold license plates on the vehicle, and possessing the 9mm pistol. The suspect was taken into custody for auto theft, burglary, grand theft property, and ex-convict with a gun, without further incident. Trap detectives are handling this case.

**Lancaster detectives advised that this suspect was a one man crime spree.**

On 12-10-09 LAPD North Hollywood patrol officers picked up the silent signal from the stolen 2001 Coleman Generator on their on board LoJack police tracking computer installed in their police vehicle. The officers tracked the signal to a closed industrial center in the 7400 block of Laurel Canyon Blvd. Notification was made to LAPD BAD CATS, who responded to the location, and were able to pinpoint the location of the stolen generator. The Generator was concealed inside of a closed business. Investigation revealed that the suspects cut a hole through the adjoining business, and backed the generator in, thus concealing its location. The suspects then boarded the hole back up. BAD CATS detectives served a search warrant at the location and recovered the stolen generator. The detectives also discovered that the suspects had the generator hooked up to the electrical and ventilation systems, and were setting up a commercial marijuana cultivating enterprise at

the location. The location was processed by LAPD SID Photos and prints. Detectives are actively working this case with suspect information received during their investigation at the scene. (NOTE) LAPD Mission patrol officers recovered an additional 2003 Coleman Generator, in the same general area on 12-09-09, which was also reported stolen by Sunbelt Rentals. Total value on both recoveries is \$50,000.00.

On 12-18-09, the owner of a 1990 Toyota Camry reported his vehicle stolen to Costa Mesa Pd. It was tracked and recovered by Santa Ana PD and was released back to the owner.

On 12-19-09, the owner of the Toyota noticed the vehicle had been stolen again and reported it to the Costa Mesa Pd. Within minutes of activation, this 20 year old car's LoJack began repeating the silent LoJack signal for the second time. Officers from the LAPD Van Nuys Division who on patrol picked up the silent signal and after notifying dispatch and other assisting units, located the vehicle parked and unoccupied. As officers were beginning to set up surveillance, the suspect returned and drove off. The handling officers again utilizing their on board LoJack tracker picked up the signal and tracked the vehicle to a car wash stall in the 13700 block of Van Owen. This time they observed the suspect inside the vehicle working on the interior. The officers deployed on the vehicle taking the suspect into custody without further incident. They noted that the suspect had stripped stereo components from the vehicle and was working on the rear speakers when apprehended. During the search of the vehicle, officers located other stolen property that did not belong to the victim. The suspect was later booked for PC 487(d) GTA. The vehicle was stored for safe keeping and later released to the happy owner.

On 12-19—09, when the victim stopped at a gas station, he was approached by three males and a female suspect. One suspect to the victim this was a robbery and pointed a handgun. The victim attempted to run but the suspect caught him, taking him back to the vehicle. As the four suspects entered the victim's vehicle, the victim broke free, ran and observed the suspects drive off in his vehicle. All this was caught on video cameras at the location. The responding officers quickly entered the victim's vehicle information into the stolen vehicle system (SVS/NCIC) computer. This routine police action automatically activated the LoJack transponder concealed in the vehicle. Neither the owners nor law enforcement had to do anything else to activate the LoJack Stolen Vehicle Recovery Network because of LoJack's interface with law enforcement.

**Within seventeen minutes of the LoJack system activating**, officers from the California Highway Patrol Newhall Station picked up the LoJack signal from the victim's stolen 1998 Nissan Maxima. The officers tracked the signal to Highway 14 and Soledad Canyon Road where they observed the vehicle with four suspects inside. When requested back-up units arrived, they conducted a high risk traffic stop taking all four suspects into custody. LAPD officers were notified and responded with the victim, who identified all four suspects. The suspects were arrested for 215 PC (Car-Jacking). All four suspects are known gang members. Olympic Gang unit is conducting the investigation.

On 12/18/09, Los Angeles County TRAP (Taskforce for Regional Auto Theft Prevention) West Team Detectives picked up the silent LoJack homing signal from the stolen 2003 Nissan Altima ( 3 minutes after being reported stolen) on their **fixed office LoJack Police Tracking Computer**, alerting them of the stolen vehicle in their area. The detectives also learned that the vehicle had been taken in a "**Car Jacking**". The detectives then tracked the vehicle with their portable Police Tracking computers to the area of Van Nuys Blvd and Valerio Street. The detectives contacted LASD Santa Clarita Station and received the information on the named suspect. The detectives made a follow up investigation to a nearby adult school, and located the suspect. The suspect was taken into custody for 215 PC (Car Jacking) without incident. Detectives from LASD-Santa Clarita are handling this investigation.

On 12-23-09, **within fifteen minutes of the LoJack system activating**, LASD Lakewood deputies picked up the LoJack signal from the victim's stolen 1998 Chevrolet Tahoe. They tracked the signal to the rear yard of a residence located in the 7000 block of San Juan Street. They observed numerous other auto parts scattered around the yard. TRAP Detectives were requested to the location. The Detectives obtained a search warrant for the location. Their investigation found the 1998 Chevrolet had already been partially stripped. They located parts to a 2008 Infinity and a 2002 GMC Donnelly. The vehicle had been recovered stripped and burned several days ago. The owner and a friend from the location admitted to paying gang members for stolen vehicles and stripping them at the house. Numerous other vehicle parts were recovered and the Detectives are trying to identify other stolen vehicles. Two suspects were arrested for 10801 VC (Operating a Chop Shop). TRAP Detectives are conducting the investigation.

On 12-27-09, the owner of the vehicle had just left a party when he was approached by three suspects, who beat him and stole his vehicle. After the owner reported their vehicle (a 2009 Mitsubishi) stolen to law enforcement, the vehicle information was entered into the statewide stolen vehicle system (SVS/NCIC) computer. This routine police action automatically activated the LoJack transponder concealed in the vehicle. Neither the owners nor law enforcement had to do anything else to activate the LoJack Stolen Vehicle Recovery Network because of LoJack's interface with law enforcement.

**Within five minutes of the LoJack system activating**, LASD Norwalk Station units picked up the signal and tracked it down to a residence located 12000 block of Hopland Street. The units observed two suspects run from the vehicle and into the residence. Containment was quickly set up on the location. The two suspects attempted to flee the location but were quickly taken into custody by the deputies and assistance of a K-9 unit. The occupants of the location were ordered outside where the third suspect was detained and several witnesses were located who identified the suspects. The witnesses told the deputies how the three suspects had been bragging about committing the Car-Jacking. The victim was transported to the location where he identified the suspects. The suspects (known gang members) were arrested for 215 PC (Car-Jacking). Compton Detectives are conducting the investigation.

On 12-28-09, **within four minutes of the LoJack system activating**, LAPD 77<sup>th</sup> Street Division officers picked up the LoJack signal from the victim's stolen 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe. They tracked it to a residence's back yard in the 100 block of W. 54<sup>th</sup> Street. They requested additional units and set up a surveillance of the location. The officers observed several people at the location and as they left, the officers would stop the suspects. 77<sup>th</sup> Street Detectives responded to the location. The officers and detectives obtained a consent search for the location from the renter. Their investigation found the Chevrolet Tahoe had been partially stripped and there were parts to several other stolen vehicles at the location. Stolen property was recovered from the vehicle that two suspects had driven away from the location, as well as additional stolen property recovered from inside of the residence. Several of the suspects were on parole or probation and several loaded, illegal firearms were recovered at the location. Two of the suspects admitted to stealing the vehicle and removing the parts for money. Parts to several other vehicles were removed from the location and are being checked against other stolen vehicles. The two main suspects were arrested for 10801 VC (Operating a Chop Shop). 77<sup>th</sup> Street Detectives are conducting the follow up investigation.

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

On 12-7-09 officers from the California Highway Patrol Westminster Area were on patrol in the area of Harbor Blvd N/B approaching Garden Grove Blvd when they picked up the silent LoJack signal of a stolen 1992 Isuzu within 7 minutes of activation. After obtaining the description from CHP Dispatch, the officers tracked and located the vehicle parked behind an apartment complex parking lot on the corner of Garden Grove Blvd and West St. The vehicle was unoccupied at this time so the officers decided to set up surveillance and containment on the vehicle. Ten minutes later officers observed a white van exit the parking lot being followed by the stolen Isuzu. Felony car stops were initiated on both vehicles at Chapman Ave and Puryear Lane and three suspects were taken into custody without further incident. After questioning all three suspects and obtaining conflicting stories, all three suspects were arrested and booked for VC10851 DWOC, PC 487(d) GTA and PC 496 RSP. The vehicle was released to the owner at the scene undamaged.

On 12-14-09, a Canine officer from Anaheim Pd picked up the silent LoJack code of a Garden Grove stolen 1997 Honda Accord and began tracking it into the city of Garden Grove. He notified Garden Grove PD units via Red Channel of the information. Officers from Garden Grove responded to the area of Euclid Ave and Garden Grove Blvd and picked up the LoJack signal from the stolen Honda. They tracked it to the area of Stuart Dr and Rockinghorse Rd, at which time assisting units indicated they had located the vehicle in an alley off Stuart Dr and were detaining three males at gun point. Assisting units rolled to that area and extracted three male Juveniles without further incident. The Juveniles were detained and taken to the PD for further investigation. It was at this time the officers identified several of them as active gang members belonging to the "Middleside" gang. The driver who had given false information was identified via finger prints and had an outstanding no bail warrant for his arrest. The officers received clearance to detain these Juveniles in Juvenile Hall pending felony Petitions. The vehicle was later released to the owner, undamaged.

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

On 12-06-2009, **within five minutes of being activated**, San Bernardino Sheriff's Flight Deputies flying Helicopter 40-KING picked up the silent LoJack homing signal from a stolen 2009 Toyota Camry, which had just been reported to the Victorville City Station. They were in the vicinity of the I-15 Freeway and Mojave Road and tracked the signal about six miles south from that location to Bear Valley and Armargosa Road. The signal was "isolated" to the west end of the Victorville Mall, where responding ground units located it parked and unoccupied. The ground units requested the assistance from SANCATT, San Bernardino County Auto Theft Taskforce, who responded and assumed the investigation. SANCATT Detectives conducted surveillance for about one hour, when they observed two female suspects approach and enter the vehicle. They were immediately taken into custody before they could drive away. The investigation determined that the driver was the former girlfriend of the victim, and was named on the title. However, she had absolutely no claim to the vehicle and was arrested for Auto Theft and Possession of Stolen Property. The passenger was eliminated as a suspect and later released and the undamaged vehicle returned to the victim.

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

On 12-19-09, **just twenty-nine minutes after being activated**, Corona PD Officers picked up the silent LoJack homing signal from the Murrieta PD stolen 1998 Honda Civic. They tracked and located the vehicle, which was occupied by two male adult suspects, in the vicinity of Citrus Park. Authorities attempted a vehicle stop, at which time the driver fled and a short pursuit ensued. It terminated in the area of Fullerton Avenue and Sultana Way, where the driver lost control and hit a tree. Both suspect fled the vehicle on foot, the driver was captured a short distance away, as he attempted to limb over a fence. A perimeter was established and a K-9 Officer called in to search for the passenger, who was seen running through yards and jumping fences. It didn't take long for the K-9 to locate the suspect, who was hiding under a large piece of plywood on an embankment. He failed to comply with commands to surrender and was pulled from his hiding place by the dog (ouch). Both suspects were on active parole and the vehicle was full of stolen property, which has been linked to at least three burglaries in the City of Murrieta and one in the City of Corona. Further investigation is being conducted to determine the suspect's involvement in other related crimes. They were arrested for Parole Violation, Auto Theft, Burglary, Possession of Stolen Property and Resisting Arrest. The vehicle, which sustained traffic accident damage, was towed and stored with a hold for evidence.

On 12-27-09, an Indio CHP unit working a traffic accident at Dillon and Cabazon Roads received a LoJack activation from a stolen 2006 Nissan Altima, which had been reported to the Riverside Sheriff's Coachella Station about one-half hour earlier. The CHP Officer, unable to respond and track the signal, initiated a broadcast of the LoJack hit, his location and the signal direction. Riverside Sheriff's Deputies assigned to the Indio Station responded to the area and they too picked up and tracked the silent LoJack homing signal. The deputies soon "isolated" the signal to the area of Indio Boulevard and Van Buren, in the City of Indio, where they located the stolen vehicle parked in a parking lot of a motel in the 84100 block of Indio Boulevard. One male suspect was seated in the driver's seat and was taken into custody without incident. It was determined that the suspect was the son of the victim and had taken the vehicle. He was mentioned in the original police report as a "possible" suspect and had also forged and cashed checks from his mother's checking account. The suspect was placed under arrest for Auto Theft and Possession of Stolen Property and Forgery. The undamaged vehicle was processed for evidence and released to the victim in the field.

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

On 12-04-09, a two man unit assigned to San Diego Police Department, Western Division, was on patrol near Linda Vista Rd. and Moreno Blvd. when they received the silent signal from a stolen **2007 Toyota FJC** **just twelve minutes after it had been reported stolen**. After broadcasting their tracking, a second officer also received the signal and tracked the vehicle to a motel parking lot on Hotel Circle South. The vehicle was unoccupied and unlocked. In doing an inventory of the vehicle, the officer found identification of a possible female suspect. About the same time, he became aware of a female looking out of one of the room windows and the female matched the identification he had found. After interviewing the female suspect she was arrested and booked for auto theft and the vehicle was recovered without sustaining any damage.

On 12-04-09, an El Cajon Police Officer was on routine patrol in the 700 block of Fletcher Parkway when he received the silent signal from a **stolen 2005 Acura TL** **just four minutes after it had been reported stolen**. He started tracking the signal and located the vehicle abandoned in the Fletcher Parkway Shopping Center.

Suspect information was available from the originating agency, and the officer was able to get a photo of the suspect. With photo in hand, he went on foot patrol looking for the suspect. After a few minutes, the suspect was observed walking out of a movie theater, at which time he was arrested and later booked for auto theft. The vehicle was stored and later returned to the rightful owner without sustaining any damage.

On 12-08-09, a San Diego County Sheriff Deputy assigned to the Lemon Grove station was on patrol near Jamacha Blvd. and Gillespie Dr. when he received the silent signal from a stolen 2006 Nissan Titan. He tracked the signal onto Purdy St., and driving slowly down the street the signal was strongest toward one residence in particular. The garage door was closed, as were the other garage doors on the street. The deputy then drove to a location where he could observe the street for any activity. After a few minutes he observed people walking around the residence where he suspected the vehicle was hidden. The door to the garage was now open and he could see a vehicle that matched the stolen truck. Also, two of the occupants placed a tarp over the garage opening. The deputy and back up deputies drove to the residence to make contact with the occupants, just as the main suspect was leaving in another vehicle. That vehicle was stopped and the suspect was returned to the house. During the investigation, the suspect was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance. During a pat down search incidental to the arrest, the key to the stolen Nissan was found in the suspects' front pocket. Witnesses at the scene also confirmed that the suspect had arrived driving the Nissan. The suspect was arrested for being under the influence and driving a stolen vehicle. He was later booked and the vehicle was returned to the rightful owner.

**MEXICO RECOVERIES: LoJack Mexico (Car Mart) assisted authorities to recover sixteen (16) US stolen vehicles during the month of December 2009.**

**No notable activities noted in the below counties for December 2009.**

**LoJack of VENTURA COUNTY:**

**LoJack of IMPERIAL COUNTY:**

**LoJack of SANTA BARBARA COUNTY:**

**LoJack of SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY:**