



To: ALL LOJACK - SVRN Coordinators

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Re: Monthly Update Report for December 2010, Southern California

Total number of “chop shops” and or “rings” for LoJack system **Southern California = 396**

HIGHLIGHT ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF December 2010:

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LoJack of LOS ANGELES COUNTY:

On 12/02/10, LASD-Lancaster Sheriff deputies picked up the silent LoJack homing signal from the stolen 2005 GMC Yukon, on their on board LoJack police tracking computer (**22** minutes after being activated). The deputies tracked the vehicle to a garage of a private residence in the area of the 43900 block of San Francisco Ave, in the City of Lancaster. The deputies conducted an investigation at the location, and were given consent to search the garage for the stolen vehicle. The vehicle was located in the garage and recovered by the deputies. The deputies contacted investigators from CHP-South Division Vehicle Theft and were advised that the vehicle was obtained from a local Car Dealership by fraudulent means. The suspects submitted a fraudulent application to the dealer, used a bad check, and then made no payments on the vehicle. The Auto Theft investigators entered the vehicle into stolen vehicle system, and contacted the company that had installed a GPS system in the vehicle. The investigators were advised that the suspects had disabled their GPS system. The suspect was taken into custody for 487 PC (GTA) and 532 PC (Fraud Application) without incident. Investigators from the CHP-South Division Vehicle Theft are conducting this ongoing investigation.

On 12/04/10, LAPD-Newton Patrol officers picked up the silent LoJack homing signal from the 2006 Cadillac Escalade, (**3** minutes after the vehicle was reported stolen) on their on board LoJack police tracking computer. The vehicle was tracked to the area of 43rd Street and Long Beach, where the units set up surveillance in the area. Detectives from LAPD BAD CATS responded to the location, and were able to pinpoint the exact location of the stolen vehicle. The detectives obtain a search warrant, and served the warrant at a private residence. The vehicle was located in a rear garage area at the location. The vehicle had been surgically stripped. Most of the interior had been removed; doors, hood, seats, and rear tail gate were also removed. All of the parts were recovered at the location. No suspects were located at the residence. This investigation is still ongoing, and is being conducted by detectives from LAPD BAD CATS. This case has been classified as a “**Chop Shop**” # **396**, for LoJack Southern California Operations.

On 12-5-2010, the victim reported her 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe stolen to Alhambra PD Officers who then entered the stolen information into NCIC/SVS activating the LoJack silent signal. Approximately 12 minutes later, California Highway Patrol East LA area officers were picking up the silent signal in the area of the 710 Freeway and Caesar Chavez Blvd. After obtaining the information and description, the officers tracked the signal to a park in the area and set up containment. A short time later, the vehicle exited the park containing two individuals. Officers deployed on the vehicle and detained the suspects. The field investigation revealed that the driver was the Ex-boy friend of the owner and admitted he had stolen the vehicle and drove it without permission. He was arrested and booked VC 10851 DWOC. The passenger was released at the scene. The vehicle was later released to the owner, undamaged.

On 12/06/10, flight officers working out of LAPD air support picked up the silent LoJack homing signal from the 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe. (53 minutes after the vehicle was reported stolen) on their on board LoJack police tracking computer. At around the same time, detectives from TRAP-West Team picked up the signal on their fixed post police tracking computer and responded to the stolen vehicle. The stolen vehicle was tracked to the area of Orion Ave and Nordoff Street. The flight officers notified ground units from LAPD Mission Division. The vehicle was located, parked and unoccupied behind an Apartment Complex. LAPD patrol officers, LAPD-Mission robbery detectives and TRAP conducted an investigation at the location. The suspects were located inside of an apartment. Female and male suspects were taken into custody for 215 PC (**Car Jacking**) without incident. The suspects had thrown the victims purse into the alley from the apartment. The vehicle was recovered, along with the victim's property. Robbery Detectives from the LAPD Mission Division are conducting this investigation.

On 12/07/10, CSUN College police officers picked up the silent LoJack homing signal from the stolen 2007 Yamaha YZF R1 on their Police Tracking Computer installed in their patrol vehicle. The stolen Motorcycle was tracked to a private residence in the area of Yolanda Ave and Plummer Street. LAPD "Air 10" responded to assisted with the tracking and deployment of the responding officers. Detectives from LA County TRAP-West Team responded to the location and obtained consent to search for the stolen Motorcycle on the property. The motorcycle was located inside of a 2001 Chevrolet Express Van that was stolen and cold plated. The detectives conducted an investigation at the location and obtained suspect information. Two suspects were taken into custody for outstanding felony warrants. The Motorcycle and Van were towed and stored at a police impound yard. This investigation is being conducted by detectives from TRAP-West Team.

On 12-10-2010, Los Angeles County Sheriffs Air-7 flight deputies were on patrol south of El Monte when they picked up the silent LoJack signal of a stolen 1994 Honda Accord. They Followed the LoJack signal into the south part of El Monte and notified El Monte PD of the "Hit". Ground units responded to the notification and with the assistance of Air-7, tracked it to the 11000 block of Thienes St, South El Monte. Officers were able to pinpoint the signal coming from a garage of a private residence. As they arrived, suspects were in the act of stripping the vehicle. Two suspects fled and one suspect was captured. A search of the area met with negative results in locating the two suspects who fled. A search warrant was issued and served on the location. All of the parts that had been removed from the vehicle were recovered. The suspect was booked on several felony charges pending a felony complaint by the DA. A follow up investigation continues as to the identity of the two

suspects who fled.

On 12-10-2010, El Monte Pd Air-45 flight officers picked up the silent LoJack signal from a stolen 2005 Cadillac that had just been reported by Brea PD. Air-45 alerted ground units that the signal was in the area of 2600 block of Durfee. Several LoJack equipped units were able to pinpoint the signal to the area of Bunker St and as the primary officer walked up a long driveway, he observed a male subject approaching. A short field interview led the officers to the rear of the property where they observed what appeared to be the Cadillac with a cover on it. That cover was removed and it was confirmed as the stolen. Officers checked the hood and noted that it was hot to the touch meaning that the vehicle had just arrived recently. The suspect told them that a friend had brought the car earlier in the day. Keys to the vehicle were found in the suspect's personal property and he was arrested for VC 10851 DWOC after he admitted taking the car without owners consent. The vehicle was stored and undamaged pending processing and the release to the victim.

On 12-10-2010, officers from Downey Pd were on patrol when they picked up the silent LoJack code of a stolen 2010 ford Expedition within three minutes of activation. After obtaining the description, the signal was tracked to Bellflower Blvd and Buckles St where the vehicle was found parked and unoccupied. Surveillance was set and in a short time, two males were observed entering the vehicle. As the vehicle exited the parking lot, officers attempted a felony traffic stop. The suspects then fled in the vehicle and initiated a pursuit. The pursuit terminated when the suspects bailed from the rolling vehicle at Woodruff and Firestone Blvd where the vehicle was abandoned in a bank parking lot. Slight damage to the vehicle as it rolled into a parked vehicle. The suspects were apprehended and arrested for Grand Theft Auto and VC 2800 Felony Pursuit.

On 12-21-2010, a private car dealership reported that their 2007 Honda Accord rental vehicle had not been returned for several months. A stolen vehicle report was initiated by Garden Grove Pd and the vehicle information was entered into the SVS/NCIC system. Within less than 1 hr, California Highway Patrol Air-H 50 was on patrol in the area of the 5 Freeway and Rosecrans when they picked up the silent LoJack signal. After obtaining the vehicle description and suspect information, they began tracking the signal and noted that it was W/B on the 5 Freeway. They followed the vehicle and coordinated ground units from CHP Santa Fe Springs area to position themselves on the freeway. CHP ground units waited then spotted the stolen Honda. They converged on the Honda and initiated a felony traffic stop at Lakewood Blvd and the 5 Freeway. The driver and passenger were detained and it was confirmed that the driver was the listed suspect. He was arrested and later booked for VC 10851 DWOC and PC 495 Receiving stolen property. The passenger was released at the scene. The vehicle was taken to the Santa Fe Springs CHP office and released to the director of sales/ owners of the private car company.

LoJack of ORANGE COUNTY:

On 12-15-2010, officers from the La Habra Pd responded to a theft report of a 2003 Ford F-150, and after obtaining suspect information, had the vehicle entered into the NCIC/SVS. Within minutes of entry, officers were picking up the silent signal from the area of Harbor Blvd and La Habra. They tracked the signal to the area of the 600 block of S. Palm, an industrial area and spotted the stolen truck. They then spotted the suspect walking away from the truck and detained this female suspect. Investigation revealed that the suspect

was the Ex-girl friend and was found to have the vehicle keys in her possession. She was placed under arrest and later booked for felony vehicle theft. The stolen truck was later returned to the owner/victim, undamaged.

On 12-17-2010, officers from the Santa Ana Pd picked up the silent LoJack signal of a stolen 2004 Ford Expedition minutes after entry as stolen the LAPD. Overhearing radio traffic from other departments who also picked up the moving LoJack signal, they continued tracking the signal with the assistance of Air Eagle 1. A felony traffic stop was initiated in the area of 17th and Grand where units detained and arrested the occupants. The driver was later booked VC 10851 DWOC. The vehicle was stored and later released to the victim.

LoJack of SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY:

On 12-5-2010, the owner of a 2009 Yamaha GSXR 600 returned to his base at Ft. Irwin and reported his 2009 Yamaha GSXR 600 motor cycle stolen to Ft. Irwin Police. After entry was made into NCIC, the owner contacted LoJack exchange to give the report of being stolen. Several hours after the MC activation hit on the Victorville tower and deputies from the San Bernardino SO picked up the silent LoJack signal in the area of the Hwy 58 and Main St. After obtaining the description, the deputies tracked the silent signal and pinpointed the signal as coming from a private garage approximately 2 miles from the Hwy . While at the location, the owner of the location came home and when asked if there were any motor cycles inside the garage, he told the deputies "yes" and opened the garage door. At that time the deputies discovered a 2005 MC (not LoJack equipped) that was an unreported stolen, also from Ft. Irwin. The motor cycles were partially stripped as some of the plastic covers had been removed. Deputies processed the motor cycles and had them stored for safe keeping until the owners responded. Information developed a second suspect due to the first suspect cooperating. That led deputies to Ft. Irwin where they made contact with the second suspect. Both suspects admitted stealing the motor cycles, however, no arrests were made at that time. According to the watch commander, reports will be filed with the DDA and arrest warrants will be sought for the two subjects.

On 12-18-2010, San Bernardino Sheriff's Deputies assigned to the Apple Valley Station picked up the silent LoJack signal from a stolen 2001 Chevrolet Avalanche, which had been reported to their station a couple hours earlier. The first unit acquiring the signal was in the vicinity of Navajo Road and Clallan and the signal indicated that the stolen vehicle was in a southeast direction. With the assistance of other units they tracked and isolated the signal to an apartment complex in the 13300 block of Navajo Road. The deputies located the stolen truck parked, unoccupied, in a parking stall in the alley to the rear of the complex. Surveillance was established and about ten minutes later a male and female were observed entering the truck, the male behind the wheel. The suspects drove away and when deputies attempted a vehicle stop the driver failed to comply, resulting in a short vehicle pursuit. The driver lost control of the vehicle and spun out. Both suspects were then taken into custody without further incident. The male suspect (on probation for GTA) was also wanted in connection of at least one other GTA and several commercial burglaries in the area. He was arrested for Auto Theft, Possession of Stolen Property, Burglary, Felony Evading and Probation Violation. The female was questioned and released and the undamaged vehicle was release to the victim after being processed for evidence. The victim had LoJack installed in the vehicle on August 12, 2003.

On 12-18-2010, San Bernardino Sheriff's Deputies assigned to the Barstow Station picked up the silent LoJack signal from a stolen 2009 Toyota Corolla, which had been reported to the City of Barstow Police Department several hours earlier. **The deputy acquiring the signal also had a LoJack motorcycle chop shop recovery two weeks prior.** He acquired the signal as he was driving westbound on Main Street at Avenue "L" and began following it into the City of Barstow in a northeast direction. The signal led him out of the city to Old Highway 58, where the signal pointed to Richards Lane into the desert. Additional units were now with the original deputy, who now saw vehicle headlights far off in the distance coming in his direction. As this vehicle continued in the deputy's direction the LoJack signal became stronger. Feeling that this was the stolen vehicle coming toward them they set up a road block. As it turned out, it was indeed the stolen vehicle being driven by one male adult suspect, who was dressed completely in black from head to toe including gloves. The suspect (a parolee) was taken into custody without incident and arrested for Auto Theft, Possession of Stolen Property and Parole Violation. The undamaged vehicle was later released to the owner who had LoJack installed in the vehicle on 05-29-2008.

LoJack of SAN DIEGO COUNTY:

On 12-29-10, an El Cajon Police Officer had just left the police station when he received the silent signal of a stolen 2000 Toyota Traverse. He started following the signal and observed the vehicle in the 300 block of Bradley St. As he was converging on the stolen vehicle he was joined by three other Officers. A felony stop was initiated on the vehicle and two suspects were taken into custody. The vehicle was undamaged and was stored for safe keeping. The suspects were booked for auto theft and related charges.

MEXICO RECOVERIES: LoJack Mexico (CarMart) assisted authorities to recover twelve (12) US stolen vehicles during the month of December 2010.

LoJack of SANTA BARBARA COUNTY:

On 12/12/10, Santa Barbara Police Department patrol officers picked up the silent LoJack homing signal from the stolen 2007 Mercedes Benz LS5, on their on board LoJack police tracking computer (36 minutes after being activated). The officers tracked the vehicle to the area of 15 Chapala Street. The vehicle was parked on the street. Officers made contact with the suspect who was in another stolen vehicle. Officer's investigation revealed that the suspect obtained this stolen vehicle from a local Car Dealership by fraudulent means. The suspect submitted a fraudulent application to the dealer, used a bad check, and then made no payments on the vehicle. The suspect had used the same M.O. at other car dealerships to obtain vehicles. The suspect was taken into custody for 487 PC (GTA) without incident. Detectives from Santa Barbara PD are conducting this investigation.

The following counties recovered numerous stolen vehicles however, no LoJack arrest activities were noted during the month of December 2010

LoJack of RIVERSIDE COUNTY:

LoJack of VENTURA COUNTY:

LoJack of IMPERIAL COUNTY:

LoJack of SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY: