

Newsletter

NEWS TO KEEP YOU ON TOP OF CRIME PREVENTION

April 2008

Texas Crime Prevention Association 2008 Summer Training Conference

July 21st- 25th, 2008 Wichita Falls, Texas

Location: Howard Johnson

401 Broad Street

Wichita Falls, TX 76301 940-766-6000 or 1-800-446-4656

Code: TCPA

Room Rate: \$70.00 single or double

For more information contact: **Dennis Porter** at 972-237-8844

Registration Form *

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AACPA's Monthly Meeting

Golden Corral
2301 Pat Booker Rd, Universal City

Tuesday, April 15th, 2008 11:30 A.M. Visitors Always Welcome

DOOR PRIZES

Our current bylaws will be reviewed with the necessary changes voted on at this meeting. This is necessary to get the AACPA's bylaws, dues etc. to match the states bylaws. If you have any concerns on changes to the bylaws, please be present to voice your concerns.

Several members have been nominated for life memberships in AACPA, these nominations will be voted on at this meeting. •

Basic Crime Prevention Course 40-Hour - April 21st - 25th (M-F)

Pflugerville Justice Center 1611 East Pfennig Lane, Pflugerville, Texas

\$120.00 + 1yr membership (\$30)

DETAILS REGISTRATION *

Cyber Crimes - 8 Hours, No \$ Charge Tues., April 29th, (Licensed Officers Only)

Alamo Area Council of Governments 8700 Tesoro, San Antonio Class room 1 on 6th floor

DETAILS *

Organized theft ring caught in the act at Target in Redland, California

Written by: Bill C

Jesse B. Gill, Staff Writer Redland Daily Facts

REDLANDS - Police believe they have made an arrest leading to the top of an organized theft ring. On Friday, Redlands police received a call from the Target store at 27320 W. Lugonia Ave., reporting a theft in progress. Officers set up a perimeter around the store while Target security officers gave them details about men they suspected of shoplifting. According to a report released by police spokesman Carl Baker, police learned that San Bernardino resident Henry Llerena, 22, hid 14 video games inside other merchandise and put the merchandise on a shelf in the store. Llerena then left the store. Police Chief Jim Bueermann and Lt. Rogelio Garcia were watching the store from the outside. Bueermann said he was in a vehicle not easily recognizable as a police car. "The suspects had split up," Bueermann said. "They were conducting what's called counter-surveillance. They were looking to see if we were watching them." Baker said a second man, San Bernardino resident Joseph Hernandez, 23, found the merchandise concealing the video games and left the store, paying for the merchandise and not the video games.

Rodriquez was detained by police after he left the store. Llerena tried to flee the scene on foot and was apprehended by Bueermann and Garcia. Both Llerena and Rodriguez were arrested in suspicion of burglary and conspiracy to commit burglary. Officers also found items consistent with the sale of marijuana when they searched of Llerena's vehicle. Llerena was charged with possession of marijuana for sales.

Through the arrests of Llerena and Rodriguez, police were able to determine that video games and DVDs stolen throughout the Inland Empire had ended up in the possession of Daniel Herrera, a vendor at the San Bernardino Indoor Swap Meet on North Mount Vernon Avenue in San Bernardino. According to Baker's report, police set up a controlled buy, in which Herrera believed he was purchasing stolen video games provided by Target investigators.

On Saturday, undercover officers observed the "stolen" video games on display in Herrera's shop at the swap meet. The undercover officers negotiated the purchase of four of the games. Officers arrested Herrera and confiscated more than 1,000 new DVDs, video games, game systems and game system components, Baker said. The value of the confiscated items was over \$35,000.

Redlands Sgt. Travis Martinez, who led the investigation, said his people are working on trying to figure out where the video game systems were stolen from by tracing their serial numbers. He said the video games do not have serial numbers, making them more difficult to trace. "Organized retail theft has been picking up in the last few years," Martinez said. "It's something that's plagued us with all the new businesses coming to the city." Herrera was charged with the attempted possession of stolen property. He was later transported to the county jail.

Bueermann said Martinez led the investigation, and without his work, the arrest could not have been made. Target regional investigators Jim Sturgess, Theresa Infusion and Jake Harris helped in the probe. "If we can put at one person out of business at least for a little while, it's a good thing," Martinez said.

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Special note:

This news story was taken from the website: "Crime Prevention Online." AACPA members may visit their site at

http://www.crimepreventiononline.com

Use the following for login: Username is= tcpa & Password is= aacpa

Lots of Crime Prevention articles from throughout the USA *

Comal County Crime Stoppers 10TH ANNUAL FUN RUN

Date: Saturday April 26, 2008

Where: 1488 South Seguin, New Braunfels, TX 78130 Meet in the Front parking lot of the New Braunfels Police Department

Registration: 8 a.m. — Last bike out @ 9 a.m.

Pre-register by: Tuesday April 22, 2008

Rain Date: Saturday May 10, 2008

Entry fees:

\$25 for pre-registered riders

Includes Meal, Tour Pin & Drawing

Pre-Registration forms available at:

- New Braunfels Police Department
 - Comal County Sheriff's Office
 - Email to request a form: soatpk@co.comal.tx.us

\$30 for riders the day of event

Includes Meal, Tour Pin & Drawing

\$5 for passenger

Includes Meal & Drawing



A MOTORCYCLE & VEHICLE DRIVEN ROUTE THROUGH THE HILL COUNTRY

4 wheel vehicles welcome

For more information or to register contact Teresa or Tim

Teresa: 830-620-3411 Tim: 830-608-8260

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New Braunfels/Comal County Crime Stoppers Program

