

# Woodlake Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

## CENTRAL TEXAS DRIVING TIPS – Stay Safe

### This Winter By Planning Ahead:

- ✓ **Visit your mechanic** early to get your car serviced and checked for leaks, badly worn hoses, or other needed parts, repairs, and replacements, especially tires for condition, proper pressure and uneven wear. Don't forget to examine your spare tire!
- ✓ **Check the Weather**, road conditions and traffic. Plan to leave early if necessary.
- ✓ **Review** directions and maps before you go and let others know your route and arrival time.
- ✓ **Know Your Car** - Every vehicle handles differently; this is particularly true when driving on wet, icy, or snowy roads.
- ✓ **Clean** snow, ice or dirt from the windows, the forward sensors, headlights, tail lights and backup camera.
- ✓ **Know** the location of the hazard lights in case of emergency.
- ✓ **Plug-in** your electric or hybrid-electric vehicles when not in use.
- ✓ **Drive** slower; Increase your following distance to increase your stopping distance.
- ✓ **Know your brakes**; Use firm, continuous pressure with antilock brakes or gently pump standard brakes.
- ✓ **Stay calm** in a skid and ease your foot off the gas while carefully steering in the direction you want the front of your vehicle to go. Continue to stay off the pedals until you are able to regain control of your vehicle.
- ✓ **Obey driving laws** such as wearing a seat belt and avoiding use of hand-held devices like cell phones.

### Stock Your Vehicle

- Keep the following on hand for an emergency:
- ✓ **Ice scraper** for your windshield and abrasive material such as sand or kitty litter, in case your vehicle gets stuck in the snow.
- ✓ **Jumper cables**, flashlight, and warning devices such as flares and emergency markers.
- ✓ **A cell phone**, cell phone charger and blankets for longer trips or when driving in lightly populated areas.

(Source: Central Texas winter weather driving tips compiled by the Austin Transportation [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov).)

**COUNTY SHERIFF TIP LINE:**  
**WANTED AS OF OCTOBER 31st, 2015**  
[http://71.6.170.26/revize/bellcounty/departments/cscd\(adult\\_probation/most\\_wanted.php](http://71.6.170.26/revize/bellcounty/departments/cscd(adult_probation/most_wanted.php) , and/or;  
<http://bellcountycrimestoppers.com>;



Albert Reyna, 33, from Temple, is Wanted For: Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Reyna is a W/M, with BRO Eyes and BRO Hair weighing 155 lbs. and stands 5'6".

FROM AUSTIN: \$10,000 is offered for information leading to the arrest of: Benjamin Dominguez, Wanted For: Failure to Register as a Sex Offender, Probation Violation. Dominguez is a sexually violent predator who is Armed Dangerous!



### Details:

- **Race:** W, Sex: M, DOB: 10/30/66, Ht: 5'7", Wgt: 225 lbs.
- **AKA:** Francisco Rodriguez, Ben Dominguez, Francisco Dominguez, Rogelio Morales, Rogelio Lopez Morales, Rogelio Mendoza Morales, Rogelio Ramirez, Johnny Rodriguez, Roger Rodriguez, Francisco Sanchez, Javier Zuniga, Chino
- **SMT:** Tattoos: Skulls, scorpion, and prison on left arm; panther, female holding shotgun, and eagle on right arm; barbed wire on left wrist; and "Yvette" on neck. Scars on chin, left elbow, and finger(s) on right hand. Needle marks on left arm.
- **Gang(s):** Barrio Azteca
- **CCH:** Indecency with a Child, Failure to Registration, Assault, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Burglary, Failure to Identify-Giving False Info, and DWI
- **LKA:** 10141 Kendrick Circle, El Paso, TX
- Convicted in 2001 for Indecency with a Child by Exposure against a 14-year-old female victim.

## Central Texan At Site Of Paris Terror Attack!

A very lucky Central Texan and her boyfriend are safe after a night of a terror in Paris that left at least 120 people dead.

Abby Odell of Belton and her boyfriend, Chris Johnson, were attending the France-Germany soccer game at the Stade de France stadium where loud explosions sent fans into panic.

Odell has been in Paris, where her boyfriend lives and works, for a little over a month. She expects to return to Texas by the end of the year.

Dozens were killed in the series of six attacks in the French city – including shootings, explosions and a hostage situation at a concert hall. France says the attacks were carried out by terrorists.

"It was hectic," Odell said. "Police and soldiers everywhere and they were all rushing people around."

She said even those who may not have heard the explosions knew something was going on.

"Close to halfway through the game we heard the first explosion and it shook the stadium," said Odell. "The noise was pretty recognizable, but of course you don't expect a bomb to be going off."

It was ten minutes later when Odell says they heard a second explosion. That's when she says they really knew something was going on.

The couple had decided to leave the stadium early to beat the crowd and when Odell says she read the text messages from a friend telling her "To get out of the stadium, now! Bombs have gone off!"

The most current reports are there are 123 fatalities, plus 5 attackers are dead.

In the wake of the attacks, French President Francois Hollande said he was locking down the borders of the country and declaring a state of emergency. Hollande called the attacks "unprecedented". (Source: KXXV.Com).

## Be Vigilant With "iWATCH" App/Website

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) reminds us to remain vigilant with respect to potential crime and terrorist activity.

An iWATCH website has been developed where behaviors and activities that should be reported, are described (see below).

It takes a few minutes to complete the report, which includes contact information and specifics about a particular incident on iWATCH. Once submitted, law enforcement analysts review each report. The website also lists a phone number for possible anonymous reports.

For more information on the iWATCH program or to submit a report at:

<https://iwatchtx.org/?site=tx>

To make an anonymous report, people can contact DPS at 1-866-786-5972. Reports to iWATCH can also be made through the DPS Mobile App.

## Majority Say: "No Confidence In Gov't To Protect Us."

From the Syrian refugee crisis to the porous southern border and, despite the rhetoric, more and more Americans believe that our Government is not doing everything possible to protect us from terrorism.

So, here is how you can help fight terrorism:

- **Ignore it:** The more you think about a threat, the larger it grows in your mind. The more you talk about it, the more worried you and people around you become. So quit talking about it; stay informed, yes, but quit seeking out horror stories in news shows and on the internet about terrorism. The media's job is to sensationalize things to get you to watch them. Remember, alarmism, speculation, bias, uncertainty and denial is how they get their ratings.

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- **Know the facts. There is no risk:** The odds against you being killed in a terrorist attack, like being in a plane crash, are millions to one. Only somebody who regularly enters lottery draws would be put off by odds like these. You have more chance of dying in a car crash tomorrow, but we don't worry about that, do we?
- **Show no fear:** Terrorism, by its very definition, sets out to provoke terror. If you are scared afterwards, the act of terrorism was successful. Choose not to give in to your basic impulses; if you refuse to be intimidated, the terrorists have lost.
- **Don't be provoked:** Hate breeds terrorism, so don't get irrationally angry against the entire country from where the terrorists originate. Don't take out that anger on nearby people who look like they might be from that country. Break the cycle of aggression by not providing the motivation to retaliate by attacking them.
- **Stay free:** Refuse to let your civil liberties be restricted. Security cameras on subways won't stop terrorism. Compulsory ID cards won't stop terrorism. *Suicide bombers don't care if they get identified.* There are better ways to fight terrorism and there are more people to protect from its effects than just those caught in the blast radius.
- **Refuse to alter your lifestyle in any way:** Get on with your life. Be vigilant and cautious sure, but go shopping, go to work, the library, school and your favorite restaurant. Don't become the victim – bury your dead, heal the wounded then rebuild better and stronger.

## What Are The Eight Signs Of Terrorism?

In these new and challenging times, we as citizens have a duty to help protect our communities. We can help provide safety and security in Texas by remaining vigilant and reporting unusual behavior or events immediately.

Listed here eight signs that may help detect potential terrorist acts. Indicators of a potential event may occur weeks, months or even years apart. Documenting details of events or

behaviors witnessed is important, no matter how small or insignificant they may seem.

**1. Surveillance:** Terrorists will likely observe a chosen target during the planning phase of an operation. They do this to determine the strengths, weaknesses and number of emergency personnel that may respond to an incident. Suspicious actions during this phase may include someone recording or monitoring activities, drawing diagrams or making notes on maps, using vision-enhancing devices, or having possession of floor plans or blue prints of places such as high-tech firms, financial institutions, or government facilities, including military installations. Routes to and from the target are also usually established during the surveillance phase.

*"Those Who Would Give Up Essential Liberty To Purchase A Little Temporary Safety, Deserve Neither Liberty Nor Safety." (Benjamin Franklin).*

**2. Inquiries:** This entails attempting to gain information about a place, person, or operation pertaining to the target. Terrorists may attempt to elicit information about a critical infrastructure such as a power plant, water reservoir, maritime port, military base, bridge or tunnel by making unusual inquiries. They may inquire about usage and operations.

Additionally, they may attempt to place people in legitimate employment at key locations to monitor day-to-day activities and gather detailed knowledge in order to make their mission or scheme more effective.

**3. Tests of Security:** To do this, terrorists may drive by the target, moving into sensitive areas and observing security or law enforcement response. They are likely assessing how long before personnel respond to a security breach or the routes responders take to a specific location. Terrorists may also attempt to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures in order to assess strengths and weaknesses.

**4. Fundraising:** Without funding, terrorist activity will come to a dramatic halt. Terrorists are very creative in raising, transferring, and spending money they come in contact with. Some scenarios to look for include: (1) credit card fraud, (2) defrauding the elderly, (3) people asking for donations to legitimate organizations but in peculiar ways, and (4) very large amounts of cash used in business transactions.

**5. Acquiring Supplies:** Terrorists may purchase or steal explosives, weapons, ammunition, or attempt to store harmful chemical equipment. In order to gain easier entrance to a secured area, they may also try to acquire uniforms, equipment or identification of first responders, including military personnel. Other items they may try to obtain include flight passes, flight manuals, passports or other pieces of identification. If they are unable to steal these types of things, they may attempt to create counterfeit copies.

**6. Suspicious/Out-Of-Place Behavior:** Profiling individuals is wrong, however, profiling behaviors may indicate suspicious behavior. Sometimes suspicious people just "don't belong" or a behavior seems out of place. This may include a person in a workplace, building, neighborhood or business establishment that does not fit in because of demeanor, language usage or unusual questions they ask.

**7. Dry Runs:** Terrorists may engage in a practice session, or "dry run," to work out flaws or unanticipated problems. Although they normal conduct multiple practice sessions at or near the target area, a "dry run" may be the heart of the planning stage of a terrorist act. During a "dry run," terrorists may monitor police radio frequencies and record emergency response times.

**8. Deploying Assets/Getting Into Position:** The deploying assets or getting into position stage is an individual's last chance to alert authorities before the terrorist act occurs.

Having explored the "Why" and the "Who", in the next WNWNL we'll delve into the "What" and the "How" of the terrorists' objectives.