

Hermosa Beach News

Police crack down on overcrowding

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Crackdown

Police cited several local bars in recent weeks for alleged overcrowding including 705, Sangria and the Lighthouse on the Pier Plaza promenade.

"We're pretty much cracking down on over occupancy...We don't want to end up like Rhode Island or Chicago," said Sgt. Paul Wolcott, referring to overcrowding disasters that made national news.

Police were also focusing on underage drinking and use of false identification.

Officers on Friday arrested a 19-year-old man who was allegedly drinking at TJ Charlyz on Pier Avenue with a false identification.

Two weeks before, officers were called to TJ Charlyz to break up a fight. When they arrived, the fight escalated on the dance floor and officers shot pepper spray into the melee, police said. Most of the patrons left the club, and complained of eye irritation.

Window culprit

Four businesses on Aviation Boulevard reported their storefront windows damaged last weekend. In all four cases, the glass had been etched or scratched with a sharp object, police reports stated.

Burglary

A car was reportedly broken into from a residential driveway in the 600 block of First Street, a police report stated. A digital recorder was stolen.

Bike heist

Two mountain bikes were reported stolen from an apartment in the area of Bayview Road and Hermosa Avenue, a police report stated.

Opportunist

A man went in to pick up his dry cleaning on Second Street and when he returned to his car, his wallet and loose change were missing from the center console, a police report stated. ER

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