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## Message from the Commander

*By Luke C. Languit, Commander, Phil Chacon Memorial Substation*



I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer!

We have seen an increase in shooting with injuries and shooting homicides in the International District. We are continuing to dedicate our proactive response officers to address and reduce the violent crime in the International District. Our proactive officers have been adjusted to work evenings into the nights, and resources from other divisions within the department have been brought in to assist as well.

Additionally we are working with Albuquerque Fire Rescue and the Planning Department utilizing the ADAPT program to identify nuisance properties, and properties that allow criminal activity to occur. Also our patrol officers continue to consistently work on problem high crime areas to reduce property crimes, violent crimes, and to conduct traffic enforcement.

Your officers have been working extremely hard and I would like to announce we are going to host an officer appreciation day for our officers on Friday August 12, 2022 at the Phil Chacon Memorial Substation, and I would like this to be open to the community as well. It would be great if our neighborhood associations and business partners can stop by to show their support for our officers.

## Commander’s Safety Tip of the Month

*By Luke C. Languit, Commander*

Take advantage and utilize of our Crime Prevention Specialists to conduct Crime Prevention through Environmental Design reports/recommendations for your homes and businesses. This service is free and can make all the difference in target hardening your residence so it is not appealing to burglars to break in.

Please ensure nothing of value is left visible in plain sight in your vehicles. Also ensure all firearms are always taken out of vehicles and properly stored inside your homes.

For residences, please ensure your motion detecting lighting and surveillance camera systems are operational and let the police department know when you are going out of town on vacation so we can ensure we do periodic watches and extra patrols in your neighborhood.

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## APD

FAMILY ADVOCACY  
CENTER

(FAC) is committed to providing victims of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault and their families with a safe setting to assist in addressing and overcoming the trauma of their experience and break the cycle of violence.

Due to Covid-19, appointment is necessary.

- Domestic Violence Resource Center, 24 hour

hotline (505) 248-3165

- SANE- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, 24 hour hotline (505) 883-8720

- Rape Crisis Center of New Mexico, 24 hour hotline

(505) 266-7711

## APPLE AIRTAGS AND CAR THEFT

By *Auto insurance, inews*

When Apple announced it was entering the “help me find my stuff” market with its innovative AirTags in 2021, it was seen as a solution to a long-standing problem. AirTags work by using Apple’s own fleet of devices to help locate your items with an improvement in accuracy. Unfortunately, AirTags are now also being used for more unseemly purposes. Thus far, Apple’s button-shape location trackers are being utilized to steal cars and track people without their knowledge. As a result, we have taken the time to research how Apple AirTags and car theft go hand-in-hand.



### HOW DO APPLE AIRTAGS WORK?

AirTags are small keyring-sized discs that attach to your bag or keys to find them if they go missing. AirTags are a part of Apple’s “Find My” network. This allows you to track your devices and share their location with friends. According to Apple’s website, AirTags send out a secure Bluetooth signal that your iPhone detects or any nearby devices on the Find My network. Your iPhone then sends your AirTag’s location to iCloud. After that, the AirTag is then visible on the Find My app. According to Apple’s website, “The whole process is anonymous and encrypted to protect your privacy.”

In addition, the site claims you don’t need to worry about your tag’s battery life. Why? It only needs a replacement after a year’s time. There are also speakers on your AirTag to play a locating sound. This useful technology, however, is ripe for abuse. Criminals can place them inside your car’s trailer hitch, the gas tank or in the front grill of your vehicle. Thieves will then use them to track you using a paired iPhone. Finally, they can track you to a location suitable for them to steal your vehicle once you walk away. In other cases, they may wait until nightfall while you are asleep. This is one of the many reasons why Apple AirTags and car theft work so well together.

### APPLE AIRTAGS AND CAR THEFT: A CRIMINAL’S NEW FAVORITE TOOL

Toronto Police warns car owners across the city amidst a shocking rise in carjackings. The latest string of incidents happening over a four hour period in Scarborough. Thieves are utilizing Apple AirTags by placing the small button-like device on cars in parking lots. Afterwards, they track where the vehicle ultimately ends up. While original reports of this type of activity emanated from Canada, the practice has now made its way stateside. The latest account comes from a town just outside of Detroit, Michigan.

Investigators at the York Regional Police Auto/Cargo Theft Unit say these thieves often have involvement in crime. After tagging the car with the device, they then track that car to its owner’s home at night. The maximum Bluetooth range for the AirTag is approximately 100 metres, so they are likely able to remain trackable to at least that distance. Then, criminals will use tools, like screwdrivers or Slim Jims, to get into the vehicles through one of the front doors, making sure not to set off the car alarm.

Just since September, York Regional Police officers have been investigating incidents in which the \$39 devices are being put in out-of-sight areas of the target vehicles. Carjackers are using this technique “throughout the GTA,” but have partly honed in on Aurora. This is possibly because the town of about 62,000 reports an average household income of \$150,000 — almost triple the national average. This makes it more likely the residents own a high-end vehicle.

Crimemapping.com

Receive alerts in  
your area; view  
calls for service for  
your block or a  
radius of up to two  
miles of an address

## How do criminals use Bluetooth?

By: *Motorbiscuit.com*

How thieves can steal your electronics from your car. California police officers recently confirmed to Wired that thieves now **use Bluetooth scanners to detect electronics left in unattended cars**. Anyone can install a Bluetooth scanner app on their smartphone, and it works even when a Bluetooth-enabled device is idle.

Is Bluetooth scanner safe?

"When a person attempts to hide their laptop computer or other electronic device under a car seat or in a glove box out of sight, it's **possible for a Bluetooth scanner to let a thief know that an electronic device is in that car**," lieutenant Joe Donleavy of the Walnut Creek, California, Police Department wrote in a ...

Can someone connect to my Bluetooth without me knowing?

**Theoretically, anyone can connect to your Bluetooth and gain unauthorized access to your device if the visibility of your Bluetooth device is on.**

Can you be hacked through Bluetooth?

**Bluetooth is often targeted by hackers as a way to discreetly send malicious data to our smartphones and tablets.** So, in the same way that you might be mindful of picking up nasty infections over Wi-Fi, it's important to be just as careful about what's going on with your Bluetooth connections.

Should I leave my Bluetooth on or off?

**You should turn off Bluetooth when not in use** as it can be a gateway for hackers to get into your phone and steal your data. Before hackers discovered a new way to access people's phones through Bluetooth, it was okay to leave the wireless connection on.

SE Area Command  
DOJ Scorecards

[www.cabq.gov/police/documents-related-to-apds-settlement-agreement](http://www.cabq.gov/police/documents-related-to-apds-settlement-agreement)

### Audits

- View Audit Related to Back Investigations

-View Audit Related to Civilian Complaint and BSD Site Location

-View Audit Related to Electronic Control Weapons and Download Date

-View APD Scorecards



## TIP HOTLINE: 505-843-STOP

Albuquerque Metro Crime Stoppers is a community program that relies on anonymous tips to solve crimes and to locate fugitives from justice. Without anonymity of callers, the program cannot be effective.

Crime Stoppers pays rewards only for anonymous tips. Tipsters who identify themselves are not eligible for a reward.

Crime Stoppers has sole discretion to decide the amount of any reward to be paid, from zero to \$1,000.

Crime Stoppers will pay rewards only for tips given directly to it. Any tip given to another source, such as law enforcement, will not be eligible for a Crime Stoppers reward.

Crime Stoppers does not pay rewards to any person who has a legal duty to assist in the arrest of suspects and fugitives.

### Felony Gun Crime + Arrest = Up to a \$1,000 CASH REWARD

Know someone who has used a gun to commit a crime, a felon in possession of a firearm or someone in possession of a stolen firearm?

Report anonymously to Crime Stoppers by:   
 Calling 843-STOP   
 Submit Online Tip at [crimestoppers.com](http://crimestoppers.com)   
 WebTip at [P3Tips.com](http://P3Tips.com)   
 Download P3 Tips mobile app.

CRIMESTOPPERS

Help Stop Gun Violence

Anonymous Tips | Cash Rewards  
CALL CRIMESTOPPERS 505-843-STOP





## ABQ 311

Help me clean up graffiti in our community and download the "ABQ 311" App. It's easy, if you see graffiti in our community stop in a safe area and take a photo. Pin your location and give a brief description of what and where the graffiti is located so our city employees can easily respond for clean-up.

## Scams and Crypto Assets – Fact or Fraud?

*By Department of Financial Protection & Innovation*

More than ever people looking for a relationship are turning to dating apps and social media sites. While some are looking for a relationship others see this trend as a way to scam people out of their money. Not only are dating apps very popular but so are crypto assets and criminals have found a way to turn the typical romance scam into cyber fraud.

### Crypto Asset Romance Scams – How They Work

Fraudsters develop fake online profiles on dating apps and other social media sites like Facebook and Instagram. They then reach out to people on the apps and attempt to develop a relationship. The scammer may claim to live in another country, but they are interested in meeting and taking the relationship to another level. They may also suggest you move your "relationship" to a private channel like email or a chat app. When the time is right, the fraudster poses an urgent request for money, and requests you send money via gift cards, prepaid debit cards, or crypto assets.

In some romance scams, the fraudster requests that the conversation continue on another app and lures the person into installing fake apps or encrypted apps on their smartphones that leave them open to theft. Scammers will go very far to make the fake app look very similar to a legitimate app.

Once the person agrees to send money to the scammer, they get them to download the fake crypto asset trading app. The scheme may continue until the person wants to end the relationship or stop sending money and contacts the app to get out their money out. The person may then find themselves locked out of their account and contact customer support only to be talking to one of the scammers. In some cases, the person may be asked to pay an "exit fee" to get their money out.

### How to Protect Yourself

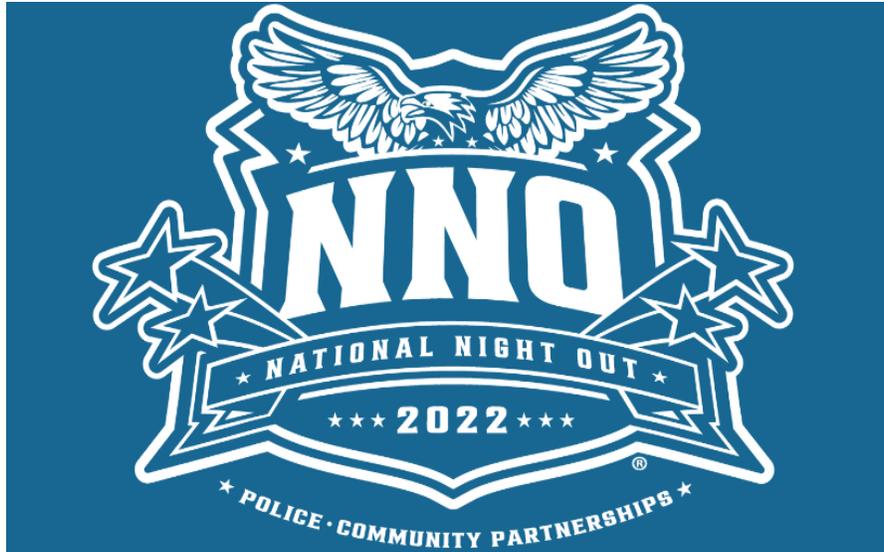
Know the red flags of romance scams:

- Only download apps from legitimate app stores.
- Check the profile picture on a reverse image search to see if it has been used before.
- Be wary of anyone asking for you to send money in gift cards, crypto assets, or through wire transfer.
- Does the person live far away and any plans to meet in person get canceled?
- The person tries to move the relationship too fast.
- Investigate – ask for credentials and validate them for anyone you meet online who claims to be a financial expert in crypto assents and wants to teach you how to buy/trade crypto assets.

### Crime Prevention & Safety

<https://www.cabq.gov/police/crime-prevention-safety>





## What is National Night Out?

Neighbors from across the United States host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts, and various other community events to send a message that our community is fighting back against crime.

National Night Out is an excellent opportunity for you and your neighbors to socialize, renew acquaintances, welcome new neighbors, and join fellow citizens in our community's fight against crime. Come together to strengthen neighborhoods and improve police-community partnerships to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

Locally, National Night Out is sponsored by the Albuquerque Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit.

Thank you!

*Laura Kuehn*

Sr. Crime Prevention Specialist

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National Night Out registration is open on the City website at: [cabq.gov/nno](http://cabq.gov/nno)

to register your event by phone please, call Laura Kuehn, Sr. Crime Prevention Specialist, 768-2006.

**Remember:** if you register your event with the National Association of Town Watch ([natw.org](http://natw.org)) it is not automatically transferred to the City of Albuquerque website or APD, please also register at the above link.

## *Fridays in the International District (ID) with “The Team”*

By: Marisa Vigil

Some of our usual Team members are away doing other good works so we have the honor of working with the Crisis Intervention Unit for the next several Fridays. We just completed the 40-hour CIT class, so it has been great getting to watch the CIU use their amazing skills with some of the most vulnerable in our community.

We had a very harrowing experience several weeks ago where the Team had to talk a barricaded puppy out from under a car on San Mateo. The subject (who we later named Zuni) ran under a stopped car at San Mateo & Zuni. The poor puppy was hot and afraid and after nearly an hour of de-escalation, water and dog treats the Team was able to extract her from under the car. We then transported the grateful Zuni to Animal Humane to get a once over and so that they could reach out to her family.



If you would like to donate, we can use water, sunscreen, hats, or anything else you may think of that is helpful to stay hydrated and cool during the summer months.

You drop off donations at the SE Area Command Substation 800 Louisiana BLVD SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108.

The Nob Hill – University Public Safety ECHO focuses on cases and issues in the area but the discussions and presentations benefit everyone across the community.

Join us to discuss problems and concerns in the area and for presentations addressing Mental Health, Substance Use, Community Health, Policing and skills for public safety. This is a great opportunity to meet community members and city stakeholders working in these important areas or dealing with various public safety issues.

**Coming sessions are:**

- ◆ **July 19, 5:00 - 7:00 pm** – Mental Health Response Advisory Committee  
contact: [mdietzel@cabq.gov](mailto:mdietzel@cabq.gov) for meeting invitation
- ◆ **July 21, 6:00 - 8:00 pm** – SE Community Policing Council Meeting  
*register using this link:* [https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_gISiOiNaRcuLTfgtm6nNGg](https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gISiOiNaRcuLTfgtm6nNGg)
- ◆ **July 23, 5:00 - 10:00 pm** – Nob Hill's Route 66 Summerfest Nob Hill Merchant Card is now available for purchase <https://app.yiftee.com/gift-card/nob-hill-abq-gift-card-albuquerque/>

**It's easy to participate via zoom:**

Join us to plan and develop priorities for this program:

Online survey - [cabq.gov/nobhill-usurvey](http://cabq.gov/nobhill-usurvey)

Invite list – email [nobhill-uecho@cabq.gov](mailto:nobhill-uecho@cabq.gov) and ask to be included in invitations to sessions.

**VIDEO CONFERENCE IN**

via Zoom via PC, Mac, iOS or Android:

[cabq.gov/nobhill-uecho](http://cabq.gov/nobhill-uecho) OR <https://zoom.us/>

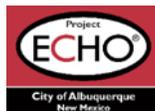
Meeting ID: 505-662-4455 Password: NobHill-U

**PHONE IN:**

Dial: 1-669-900-9833 or 1-646-558-8656

Enter the meeting ID: 505 277 3877 # - then hit # again

CONTACT Public Safety ECHO Coordinator Maria Wolfe at 505-917-5559 or [mwolfe@cabq.gov](mailto:mwolfe@cabq.gov)  
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# Southeast Area Command



**July 2022**

*Calendar of Events*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 6:00 pm—Netherwood Park McGruff the Crime Dog Appearance 2613 Morrow NE	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 1:00 pm Nob-Hill Public Safety ECHO Zoom Meeting	21 6:00 pm SE CPC Zoom Mtg	22	23
24	25	26 11:00 am—12:00 pm Ice Cream with a Cop -Walgreens - 5201 Central	27	28	29	30
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## REPORTING OPTIONS

Telephone Reporting Unit  
242-COPS (2677)

Online Reporting: <https://www.cabq.gov/police/file-a-police-report-online>

APD App:  
Search ABQ Police in Google Play or the App Store



To access a traffic accident report, you can download a fillable form from the New Mexico DOT website and take to any substation once completed. If in need of an accident example sheet, contact the Phil Chacon Substation at 256-2050 and one could be emailed to you.

◇ New Mexico Uniform Crash Report: <http://nmtrafficrecords.com/resources/new-mexico-uniform-crash-report-2/>

### *Substation Hours of Operation*

Phil Chacon Substation:	Monday—Friday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Triangle Substation:	Monday—Thursday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
	Friday—Saturday	8:00 am - 10:00 pm
	Sunday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm



The Southeast Substation will be under construction for the next few months so we urge our SE residents to utilize the other area commands for reporting purposes as well as the Triangle Substation located at 2901 Central Ave NE.

### Albuquerque Police Department

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Albuquerque, NM 87108

Phone 505-256-2050  
Fax: 505-256-2044

#### Vision Statement

APD's vision is an Albuquerque where the community and the Police Department work together through mutual trust to build a thriving community.

#### Mission Statement

APD's mission is to build relationships through community policing that will lead to reduced crime and increased safety.

[WWW.CABQ.GOV/POLICE](http://WWW.CABQ.GOV/POLICE)



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