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Orinda Lafayette Moraga

Squeaky Wheel Gets BART Crime Reports Published

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Brian Waters

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Calling the system "safe and reliable" BART Chief of Police Kenton Rainey said every day BART moves 350,000 people through four counties and 26 cities within the Bay Area. "Although we have police patrols and CCTV security cameras that monitor activity in and around our properties, the real strength in

how we ensure public safety is through riders who utilize the system. We encourage all of our passengers to be our eyes and ears when they are traveling on our transit system in order to better ensure public safety."

Especially with regard to cars in the parking lot, Chief Rainey recommends not leaving any

valuables in plain sight, calling this, "an attractive and easy target for a would-be criminal."

BART Crime Analyst Officer Ken Dam searched several categories and found, "Lafayette and Orinda BART did not have that many cases in the month of June 2011. It is a good thing."

A quick peek at the City of Orinda website lists crime statistics for May 2011 – four incidents of petty theft at the Orinda BART station. In June, Orinda had two unusual crimes in the parking lot. Catalytic converters were stolen from two Toyota 4-runners fifteen minutes apart – at 10:15 and 10:30 in the morning on June 14. The only item listed prior to press time at the Lafayette station shows miscellaneous items stolen from a 2002 Saturn at 6:00 p.m. on June 17.

Having just received this request, Lafayette Police Chief Mike Hubbard is looking into reporting BART crimes.

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