

## **BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT**

200 North Third Street, Burbank, CA 91502

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN MOUNTAIN LION SIGHTINGS

There have been two separate mountain lion sightings in the past two days in the residential areas abutting the Verdugo Mountains. This bulletin is intended to alert the community of the sightings and to provide precautions to keep residents and their pets safe.

The following safety tips have been provided by the California Department of Fish and Game:

- Do not feed deer; it is illegal in California and it will attract mountain lions.
- Trim brush to reduce hiding places for mountain lions.
- Do not allow pets outside when mountain lions are most active-dawn, dusk, and at night.
- Bring pet food inside to avoid attracting raccoons, opossums, and other potential mountain lion prey.
- Do not leave small children or pets outside unattended.
- Install motion-sensitive lighting around the house.
- Do not hike, bike, or jog alone.
- Avoid hiking or jogging when mountain lions are most active-dawn, dusk, and at night.
- Do not approach a mountain lion
- If you encounter a mountain lion, do not run; instead, face the animal, make noise and try to look bigger by waving your arms; throw rocks or other objects. Pick up small children.
- If attacked, fight back.
- If a mountain lion attacks a person, immediately call 911.

For additional information, visit the Department of Fish and Wildlife website at: <a href="https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/">https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/</a>

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS STATEMENT MAY BE DIRECTED TO ANIMAL SHELTER SUPERINTENDENT BRENDA CASTANEDA, @ 818-238-3340

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IN THE EVENT THAT YOU SEE ANY SUSPICIOUS PERSON OR ACTIVITY, GATHER AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE CONTACT THE BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTLY AT (818) 238-3000