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CITY NEWS

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Upcoming Meetings

- City Council Meeting
December 11th
5:30 pm at City Hall
- Regular Meeting of Municipal Authority
December 11th
5:45 pm at City Hall
- Board of Adjustment
December 19th
5:30 pm at City Hall
- Environmental, Health & Sustainability Committee
December 19th
8:30 am at City Hall

December Schedule

City Hall and Public Works will be closed on December 25th and January 1st.

The Police Department and Fire Department are on duty every day.

**We wish you and your family
the happiest of Holidays!**



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POLICE DEPARTMENT



Anetta Turner

The Nichols Hills Police Department was notified by a local bank regarding a possible case of Exploitation by a Caretaker. A person who worked at the bank noticed one of her client's accounts dwindling to almost nothing. The client was an elderly female resident of Nichols Hills. The bank employee told Officer Michael Puckett that the client's account had been depleted of all the funds by the client's caretaker, Anetta Turner. The bank employee told Officer Puckett that the client's accounts had \$250,000 until the Ms. Turner began to come into the bank quite often and present checks for cash. Ms. Turner told the bank that the cashed checks were for their client, and she was always losing the money she had previously withdrawn. The bank employee stated that she had notified Adult Protective Services of the situation. Officer Puckett spoke with the victim, and felt that that this was indeed a case of Exploitation by a Caretaker. He also determined it was possible Anetta Turner was removing items from the victim's home and selling them to pawn shops. Officer Puckett did a detailed report and presented it to the detective division.

Detective Nix began to investigate the case. He observed that a large number of checks had been issued by the victim to the suspect for basic needs. These checks greatly exceeded the actual cost of the items that were purchased for the victim's care. Detective Nix also determined that an associate of Ms. Turner's had pawned items that appeared to belong to the victim. The investigation led Detective Nix to present 5 counts of Financial Exploitation by a Caregiver to the Oklahoma County District Attorney. Adult Protective Services also presented a report to the DA regarding substantiated allegation of Financial Exploitation by a Caregiver and listed Anetta Turner as the perpetrator.

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On Tuesday, November 20th, Laura Murray was entering the lobby of her apartment building in Manhattan. Laura grew up in Oklahoma City, and interned for the Nichols Hills Police Department. She also volunteered for the R-U-OK program until she moved to NYC to finish her college studies at the School of Visual Arts in Manhattan.

After she entered her building, Laura was grabbed from behind by an unknown male who displayed a small handgun. The suspect then led Laura to an adjacent hallway and told her to “give me your money or I am going to shoot you.” Having spent much time at the Nichols Hills Police Department, Laura knew the best way to stay alive was to comply so she handed the suspect her wallet. At this time, a second suspect grabbed Laura’s neck and began to check her pockets. The second suspect grabbed Laura’s purse, and removed her MP3 player from around her neck. While this was happening, the first suspect continued to tell Laura not to move or he would shoot her. The suspects took the contents from her wallet, dropped the wallet on the ground, and fled the building.

Laura immediately called 9-1-1 and told the NYPD dispatcher that she had been robbed at gunpoint. The police arrived very quickly and took Laura on a canvass of the neighborhood to see if the suspects were still in the area. When they couldn’t locate the suspects, they took Laura back to the precinct to write the report. What the officers didn’t know was that Laura was an artist, and she had her sketch pad with her. Laura knew from her time at the Nichols Hills Police Department that her memory of the suspect’s face would fade somewhat as time progressed, so she grabbed her sketchpad and started to sketch the suspect with the gun while the image was still clear in her mind. The NYPD detectives were very impressed with Laura’s ability, and distributed her sketch to the all the officers in the precinct.

Later that same day, another college aged girl was robbed at gunpoint on the Columbia campus. Police were called but the suspects were gone by the time they met with the victim. That victim was able to only give a general description of the suspects, but officers still canvassed the area. One officer noticed two males walking in an adjacent area, and he realized that one of the males looked almost exactly like the sketch he had received of the suspect in the previous robbery. The two suspects were arrested because of the sketch that Laura drew.

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Both suspects are in custody, and are being charged with two counts of armed robbery. Both the detectives and the Assistant District Attorney working the case credit Laura's sketch with taking these dangerous men off the street. The detective believed the suspects were escalating, and if they had not been apprehended, there would be many more young female victims. We here at the Nichols Hills Police Department are very proud of Laura, and we are grateful she could take the things she learned here and use them to keep herself from being harmed.



Laura's sketch of the armed robber



Mug shot of the suspect taken after his arrest for armed robbery

ANIMAL RESCUE FRIENDS

If anyone wants to assist ARF in it's mission of saving unclaimed, impounded pets in Nichols Hills, they can donate time, old collars, leashes, crates, dog beds, food, treats, toys and, of course, money by mailing checks to Animal Rescue Friends, Inc of Nichols Hills, C/O Public Works, 1009 N.W. 75th Street, Nichols Hills, OK 73116 or by calling 843-4222 about donating items. ARF will respond by sending a 501 c 3 tax deduction letter (and offering a cat or a dog!). Any animal adopted through ARF comes with a 30 day money back guarantee.

NOVEMBER'S FEATURED PET



Zane is approximately 3 years old and weighs 65 pounds. He does well with kids, some cats and **SOME** other dogs. He does like to jump fences and needs a refresher course on obedience. He is very sweet and great with people. As with all ARF animals he has been tested, neutered and fully vaccinated.

Please consider a foster or trial adoption to help ARF help the animals.