

Cocoa Drive Hit and Run

On March 28, approximately 8:45 p.m., residents on Cocoa Drive heard a loud crash followed by the streaking sound of a car driving fast to the exit of our subdivision. Three residents on Cocoa Drive including Neighborhood Watch President, Jerry Knie, and Board of Director Secretary, Teddi Knie, ran outside to investigate the disturbance only to find that the car parked on the street of a guest of one of our neighbors was hit very hard destroying his front end.

One of the residents walked to the corner and saw that the assailant was stopped on Cocoa Drive several feet from the corner of Cocoa Drive and Sarasota Street checking out the damage to his own car (not thinking that anyone was aware of what he had just done). The resident then began to run (bare feet) as fast as he could toward the assailant to get a license tag and description of the vehicle that caused the damage. The assailant then saw the resident barreling down the street towards him and jumped into his vehicle and sped out of the neighborhood only to have his car stall (from his own front end damage) on Godwin Lane.

Jerry Knie contacted the Sherriff's office immediately to report the incident and the location of the assailant and witnesses. The other resident (where the car was damaged) jumped into his vehicle to assist the other neighbor who ran after the assailant. They both kept a watchful eye on the assailant (on Godwin) making sure he did not escape until police arrived at the scene.

This is an example of the community coming together to help one another in a time of crisis. There was little thought in helping one another catch the person who thought it would be a good idea to come into our neighborhood, destroy a vehicle, and try to get away with it by speeding out of our subdivision. This was a great job to everyone involved.

The damage done to the front of the guess' vehicle was so severe that the assailant had to be speeding down Cocoa Drive at least 30-35 mph. It is unknown whether he was drunk, texting, malicious intent, or distracted. **To try to prevent a similar incident such as this in the future, we ask that everyone, if at all possible, have your guest park in your driveway.**

Thanks again to our Sherriff's office and Florida Highway Patrol for their quick response to this crime, and thanks to the residents of Cocoa Drive for once again letting criminals know that they cannot come into our neighborhood and get away with committing a crime.

Teddi Knie

Secretary of the Floridian Board of Directors