



911 Public Safety Newsletter

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Abandoned vehicles can attract more than attention



An abandoned or inoperable vehicle parked on your street is more than just an eyesore—it can affect the safety, appearance, and quality of life in your neighborhood. Vehicles left unattended for long periods often signal neglect, making an area more attractive to criminals and contributing to neighborhood decline.

Abandoned vehicles are commonly associated with several problems, including:

- **Vandalism:** Vacant vehicles are frequent targets for graffiti and other damage.
- **Theft:** Criminals may steal the vehicle or strip it for valuable parts.
- **Neighborhood Disorder:** Visible signs of neglect can encourage additional crime and disorder, a concept known as the “Broken Windows” theory.
- **Environmental Hazards:** Leaking oil, gasoline, antifreeze, and battery acid can pollute streets and storm drains.

- **Safety Risks:** Broken glass, sharp metal, and blocked sightlines can create hazards for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers.

To help protect neighborhoods, the City of Roseville regulates the storage of abandoned and inoperable vehicles under [Roseville Municipal Code Section 11.20.020](#).

Vehicles on Public Streets

Cars, trucks, trailers, and RVs may not be parked on a public street for more than **72 consecutive hours**. Moving a vehicle a few feet does not reset the time limit—it must be moved at least **one-half mile** from its previous location.

Vehicles on Private Property

Business owners and property managers may have unauthorized vehicles towed from their parking lots if proper towing signs are posted. In addition, vehicles that are visibly dismantled, missing major parts, or otherwise inoperable may not be stored on private property if they are visible from a public street or sidewalk.

Keeping abandoned vehicles off our streets helps deter crime, protects the environment, and preserves neighborhood pride. If you notice a vehicle that appears to violate these regulations, you can complete an online [Abandoned Vehicle Report](#) and submit it for investigation. By working together, we can help keep Roseville’s neighborhoods clean, safe, and welcoming for everyone.

Safety starts with awareness: Protect what matters most



Crime can happen in any community, but an informed community is a safer community. By staying aware of local crime trends and taking simple preventive steps, residents can better protect their homes, families, and property.

To help keep the community informed, the Roseville Police Department publishes a [Crime Log](#) on its website every two weeks. The Crime Log highlights incidents that may signal emerging crime trends or provide opportunities to share valuable crime-prevention information. It also includes practical safety tips, such as removing valuables from plain sight, recognizing common scams, and improving home security.

Keep in mind that the Crime Log is not a complete record of every crime reported in Roseville. For a broader view of reported incidents throughout the city, residents can also access the [Crime Map](#). Because these resources serve different purposes, the number and types of incidents displayed may vary.

Crime prevention is a shared responsibility. By staying informed, remaining vigilant, and taking proactive steps to reduce opportunities for crime, you play an important role in helping keep Roseville a safe and secure place to live, work, and visit.

Upcoming events



Senior Resource Fair

Time: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Date: Thursday, September 24
Location: Maidu Community Center
1550 Maidu Drive

This fair is designed for seniors in Placer County. With over 60 community partners, attendees will learn about community resources, emergency preparedness, senior health and wellness, and elder abuse prevention.

For more info: placer.ca.gov/placerprotect



Fall Family Fest

Time: 2–5 p.m.
Date: Saturday, September 19
Location: Vernon Street Town Square & Royer Park

Celebrate the season at Fall Family Fest, where there’s something for everyone! Kids can explore exciting hands-on activities, climb into massive trucks in the Big Trucks Zone, and enjoy live stage performances. For more information, visit roseville.ca.gov/Events.



Fall Citizen Academy

Time: 4 p.m.—7 p.m.
Date: 10/5—10/15 (M-Th)
Location: Roseville Police Dept.
1051 Junction Blvd.

Students will listen to classroom instruction and engage in interactive presentations. Register for the Fall Citizens Academy at roseville.ca.gov/CitizenAcademy



SCAM ALERT

Beware of the imposter scam

Scams continue to affect people of all ages, causing significant financial losses and emotional stress. According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), consumers reported losing approximately **\$16 billion to scams in 2025**, up from **\$12.8 billion in 2024**. Because many victims never report being scammed, the true financial impact is likely much higher.

The most commonly reported fraud is the

imposter scam. In these schemes, criminals pretend to be someone you trust—such as a government agency, a utility company, your bank, or a well-known business—to convince you to send money or share sensitive personal information. They often create a sense of urgency by claiming your account has been compromised, your benefits are at risk, or immediate action is required.

Knowing how legitimate organizations operate can help you recognize these scams. Remember:

- **No government agency will ever tell you that your money isn't safe and instruct you to move it to "protect" it.** That's a scam.
- **No government agency will threaten to suspend your benefits or have you arrested unless you make an immediate payment.** That's a scam.

- **No government agency will demand payment through cryptocurrency, wire transfers, payment apps, or gift cards.** These payment methods are favorites of scammers because they are difficult to trace or recover.

If you receive an unexpected call, text, email, or message demanding immediate action, pause before responding. Verify the request by contacting the organization directly using a phone number or website you know is legitimate—not the contact information provided in the message.

The best defense against imposter scams is awareness. Share these tips with your family, friends, and neighbors, especially older adults who are frequently targeted. A few minutes of caution can prevent a lifetime of regret, and together we can help make our community a more difficult target for scammers.

Roseville residents scammed

Beat: 4

Neighborhood: Kaseberg/Kingswood

Several residents reported receiving phone calls from individuals falsely claiming to be Roseville police officers. The callers alleged the victims had outstanding warrants related to missed jury duty or civil court proceedings and demanded bond or fine payments. When questioned, the callers refused to provide identifying information and often became hostile. Victims who contacted the Roseville Police Department confirmed the calls were fraudulent.

Prevention Tip: Law enforcement agencies do not request payment over the phone to clear warrants. If you receive a suspicious call, end the conversation and verify the information by contacting the agency directly using its official number.

Beat: 7

Neighborhood: Sun City

Beginning in December 2025, the victim was contacted through the Line messaging application by someone claiming to be Jensen Huang, CEO of NVIDIA. The suspect falsely claimed the victim owned stock worth approximately \$2.86 million and directed her to a fraudulent investment website to view the supposed portfolio. After the victim agreed to "sell" the investment, she was told she had to pay a 1.3% tax before the funds could be released. The suspect instructed the victim not to tell anyone about the transaction. Over five wire transfers, the victim sent approximately \$333,200 to five companies based in Hong Kong. Although her bank repeatedly questioned the transactions and warned they might be fraudulent, she assured bank employees they were legitimate. When the suspect learned the bank was asking questions, they instructed the victim to purchase gold instead. She ultimately bought and personally delivered \$344,744 worth of gold over three separate transactions.

Prevention Tip: Be highly suspicious of unsolicited investment opportunities, especially those requiring advance payments, secrecy, wire transfers, or gold purchases. Always verify investment claims through trusted financial professionals before sending money.

Beat: 2

Neighborhood: Leadhill

On July 21, 2026, at approximately 1:00 p.m., the victim initiated contact with an unknown female through Instagram. After exchanging phone numbers, the suspect persuaded the victim to send a nude photograph. The suspect then threatened to distribute the image to the victim's Instagram followers unless he paid \$50. The victim purchased and sent a Razor Gold gift card valued at \$27.96, which the suspect redeemed before demanding additional money. The victim ended communication without making further payments.

Prevention Tip: Never send intimate images to people you have only met online. If you become the victim of sextortion, stop communicating, preserve all evidence, and report the incident to law enforcement. Do not send additional money.

Beat: 8

Neighborhood: Westpark

The victim listed a Surron electric bike on Facebook Marketplace and was contacted by an interested buyer. Although the victim initially listed the bicycle for \$3,000, he agreed to sell it for \$2,800. At approximately 12:05 PM, the victim met with the suspect and advised him that a test ride would require the suspect to have the full purchase price in cash. The suspect produced what appeared to be \$2,800 in \$100 bills. He then mounted the Surron, rode away, and did not return. After the suspect left, the victim examined the money and discovered that the bills were clearly marked "For Motion Picture Purposes."

Prevention Tip: Carefully inspect cash before releasing high-value property, particularly when conducting private sales. Consider completing transactions at a bank or other secure location where the authenticity of payment can be verified before the buyer takes possession of the item.

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