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#### **Theft Reports at Local Gym Facilities**

New Braunfels, Texas — The New Braunfels Police Department is warning residents to be extra watchful of valuables while at local gym facilities.

In recent weeks, NBPD has received a rising number of theft reports from local workout facilities. Many of those reports are for wallets or purses being stolen, and in several cases the credit/debit cards inside are used almost immediately to run up hundreds of dollars in charges at other stores. The thefts often happen when the victim leaves their purse unattended (even for just a few moments), or when items are left inside a dressing room locker.

These thefts are not exclusive to gym facilities here in New Braunfels, with similar thefts occurring along the I-35 corridor (from San Antonio to San Marcos) along with other jurisdictions throughout the state. Detectives believe at least some of those thefts are part of a larger organized criminal effort targeting workout facilities.

NBPD advises patrons of those facilities to leave valuables at home if at all possible. If not, then be sure to secure your valuables in the trunk of your car or in a dressing room locker equipped with your own lock.

The investigation into these thefts is ongoing, with detectives seeking out surveillance video from local gyms and the stores where the credit/debit cards were used.

Comal County Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$2000 for information that leads to an arrest and/or grand jury indictment. To remain anonymous and to collect the reward, contact Crime Stoppers at 830-620-TIPS (8477), leave a tip online at <http://comalcrimestoppers.org/>, or text a tip by texting "Comal" plus your message to CRIMES (274637). To contact the New Braunfels Police Department directly, call 830-221-4100.

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