

Omaha Security Newsletter

May 2013

A big Hi to all of you Omahaites out there – seems like a long time since we last caught up for a chat!

Things have been busy for us over the past few months with a couple of good criminal catches for Staff Theft (not our staff!) and After Hours theft of diesel from a large trucking firm here in Warkworth. 2 offenders identified for these offences and Police now dealing with them. Some great covert technology responsible for both of these catches!

Now a few bits n pieces from around the Beach...

Petrol Thefts from Boats

This appears to be very much a Northern End phenomenon and we have had 5 reports in recent months of petrol tanks being stolen from parked up boats. These thefts seem to be occurring during week day periods and given the similarities in geographic location I am wondering if we perhaps have an unwelcome tenant or light fingered Resident down this end of Omaha?

Any thoughts on this subject or notings of suspicious behaviour in your own neighbourhood please can you make immediate contact with Insite and we will ensure that appropriate action is taken

When you are not using your boat please secure all removable parts and equipment in your Garage

Theft of large Garden pots

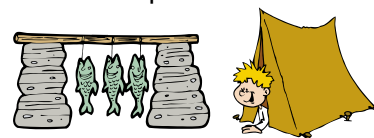


From Day Dawn Crescent - Owners returned to their property on Sunday, 7 April and found 3 x large, heavy garden pots had been removed from their back deck complete with the plants in them. Several pieces of ceramic and stainless steel garden art were also taken.

These pots would have been very heavy to move and the offenders would have been quite noticeable for a period of time as they loaded up their vehicle with this stolen property. Perhaps you might have seen them? The theft occurred between the 2nd and the 6th of April.

Illegal Camper

For the past couple of months we have had a person camping (without authority) on empty Sections behind the Surf Club particularly Paraone Crescent and also Kewai St.



This person's name is Richard.

Richard is a male Maori, about 25 years of age and of solid build. He has tattoos over his legs and arms and is particularly distinctive with long black dreadlocked hair.

He essentially resides in his vehicle which is a small light blue hatchback Registration number GLU276

He will park up and sleep in his car overnight on a 'Section du jour' basis and has a particular preference for Beach front properties.

He will also make use of the facilities (taps & external showers) of existing nearby homes.

I have now kicked him off 3 Sections which unfortunately has had little effect as he simply moves onto another Section once I have left!

Some of you may have witnessed his bizarre performance a month or two back when one Sunday morning he spent a bit of time in the Omaha Surf Club carpark whirling a dead possum around his head and bashing

it against lampposts, etc.

I do not recommend Residents approach this person directly as he has an aggressive nature and could be potentially violent if provoked. I suspect that he may also have some sort of psychiatric condition?

Warkworth Police have been involved with this gentleman in the past but there is little they can do if he moves off a property when directed to by them (to fulfil the requirements of the offence of Trespass (a) we need the authority of the property owner – difficult with absentee property owners & (b) the person Trespassing needs to refuse to leave once directed to do so.

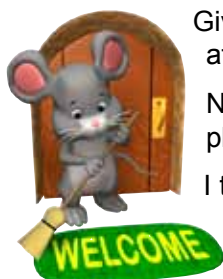
Only when these conditions are met can the offender then be arrested.

To resolve this situation I am thinking of approaching all of our local Real estate Agents with a view to getting the Lot and DP numbers of ALL empty Sections in Omaha.

Armed with this data I can then prepare a blanket Trespass Notice forbidding Richard to have access to any empty Section identified on the list. If he then breaches this Order he can be immediately arrested.

Owners of empty Sections at Omaha could also help by e-mailing me their property detail to chris@insitesecurity.co.nz and I will include this information in the Trespass Notice

Mice...



Given the long hot summer we have just had there has been a mouse population explosion at Omaha in plague proportions!

Now the wetter weather is here the mice are heading off the dunes and other exposed places and making their way into people's homes.

I think it was about a year ago when we had a full scale mouse invasion of a Customer's home down the Southern End of the Beach. When I inspected the property I could not believe the scale of destruction inside that these rodents had caused! (the 6 live ones that sprinted past me when I opened the front door should have given me a clue!)

I think the final Insurance bill came to around \$30,000 and it was weeks & weeks before the owners could actually use their home again.

Can I recommend you all bring up appropriate traps & poison next time you visit Omaha and apply liberally around your Residence

Alarm activations

With 4 power cuts already in the past couple of weeks out at Omaha, us 'poor' permanent Residents have had to put up with a cacophony of poorly maintained alarm systems ringing for hours & hours and disturbing entire neighbourhoods!

The main reason for alarms not re-setting after 5 minutes (and then going quiet) is because that particular alarm has not been serviced for several years and its Main Control battery has run flat.

Prior to winter really kicking in **NOW** is a great time to get that alarm system serviced – your permanent neighbours will be especially grateful!

When our Technicians are on site they will also clean & service all of your Detection units and Test the entire system for any potential problems?

We have a **SPECIAL** running for the month of June where you can have your whole alarm system serviced + installation of a new Main CPU battery for only \$145.00 + GST. Please ring Aimee on 09-425-7113 or e-mail aimee@insitesecurity.co.nz to book in your property.

No phonline but you really want your Alarm system monitored?

No problem – with Wireless Broadband available thru much of Omaha now we can set-up your alarm to report to us here at our Warkworth Office with the relatively simple addition of an IP module connected up to your alarm. This system is proving extremely popular with Omaha Residents and there are definite savings to be made here on your Telecom costs. If you are interested please give us a call and we will arrange for one of our Technicians to come out and inspect your particular set-up.





Something Fishy...

Many of you will be aware that Omaha Beach and a number of other East Coast beaches have been plagued for some time by persons setting illegal Set Nets and plundering our local inshore fisheries! These nets are set at night and then retrieved in the early hours of the morning so the offenders can be well away before they come to anyone's attention.

I have tried to be a little pro-active about what amounts in my view to be blatant criminal behaviour here and for the past couple of years have been hauling these nets out of the water and releasing whatever fish were still alive in them. Unfortunately these nets also sustained some fairly serious damage in the process of retrieval and were in no state to be used again!

Above is an example of the destruction that Set Nets cause – over 40 large ocean going Kawhai caught in one Omaha set-net. We managed to free & release 12 of them back into the water and the rest were donated to a local Church group. As you know I am a bit of a fisherman myself and on any fishing trip would be delighted if we had caught just 2 of these big fellows. For these scum bags to kill 30 or so beautiful fish like this and then come back the next night and do it all again is just beyond belief!

The present law surrounding the use of Set Nets is woefully inadequate and by the time you read this article I will have appeared in front of the Auckland Council's By-law Committee seeking a total ban on Set Net use at Omaha Beach. If successful this would only represent a small win for us as this indiscriminate killing method of large quantities of fish needs to be totally banned throughout New Zealand!

Why should I have my Omaha alarm system Monitored?

Insite Security presently monitors the alarm systems of about 450 Omaha properties and there are a huge number of significant benefits as to why people require and enjoy this service;

1. **Peace of Mind** – many properties around Omaha are not used or occupied for months at a time – especially over the winter months.

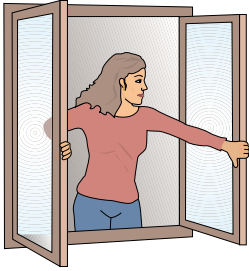
On at least six occasions, we have had burglars take up residence in unoccupied Omaha homes. These homes did not have even basic alarm systems for protection. The resulting damage to the property and the owners' feeling of total violation of their holiday retreat is heart breaking! This is often only discovered when the owners walk in the door on a Friday night - sometimes weeks after the crime has been committed.

If these properties had a monitored alarm system installed, we would have been there within five to ten minutes of these break-ins occurring AND would then have a good chance of catching the burglars.



2. **Power cuts** are a common occurrence in Omaha. In a number of cases when the electricity supply is restored, the resulting power surge may pop the mains fuse to your home. Within 24 – 36 hours all of the contents of your freezer have melted and after a couple of days there is a horrible smelly mess all over the kitchen floor. Bait freezers are the worst! A monitored alarm system tells us if power has not been correctly restored to your property and we can take action immediately before a disaster like this can occur.

3. **Insecure doors and windows.** After a great weekend up at Omaha when everyone is tired, packing up and heading back to Auckland, it is hardly surprising that doors or windows at your



Omaha Residence can be left unlocked or even left wide open. Subsequent wind or rain can then enter the property and cause a lot of damage. We have incidents of this quite frequently and are only alerted to the fact that there is a problem at your place by the fact that curtains, etc blowing around inside the house actually set off the alarm system and we immediately dispatch a Patrol to check out the cause? (I have become rather expert at mopping up flooded rooms when these sorts of events occur!)

4. **Fire** – our total of saved properties at Omaha where the house is **actually on fire** when our Patrol arrives now stands at three. In all cases, each house involved was worth well over a million dollars. We were then able to get the Fire Brigade on site and rescue these homes without further significant damage being caused.

In all of these cases our Monitoring Centre in Warkworth was instantly aware of the situation because the smoke detectors inside these homes were integrated into the monitored alarm system **and Insite was monitoring the property.**



5. **Weekly Reports** – each week we send out dozens of e-mailed reports to property owners giving them the activity that has been processed through their alarm system over the preceding week. This information includes details of any alarm activations, Set & Unset times (particularly handy if you are renting your Omaha property out and want to check that your tenants did in fact leave when they were supposed to) and other alarm related matters. There is absolutely **no charge** for this service from Insite if we monitor your home.
6. The alarms that go off incessantly in the middle of the night or day and disturb your holiday break with their noise, are the ones **NOT** monitored by Insite.

For new alarm systems or really anything to do with Security at your Omaha Residence please give me a call directly on 09-425-7113 or e-mail to chris@insitesecurity.co.nz and I would be delighted to assist.

See you around the Beach sometime soon

Best Regards

Chris



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