



Operation I.D.

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Crime Prevention Unit

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Suppose you return home from a long day at school only to find some unscrupulous crook has broken into your place and taken everything of value. You call the police to make a report in hopes of catching this low life only to have your hope dashed because you can't provide them with any serial numbers to trace the stolen property.

Operation I.D. achieves two objectives: It enables us to identify perpetrators in possession of such marked property and to return engraved property to its rightful owner. The California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) now has the identity and address of every licensed driver computerized and this information can be retrieved in minutes with only the driver's license number or California identification number. This program will discourage theft and burglary by identification of valuables and the warning to potential thieves that this action had been taken. They know that stolen items could be used as direct evidence in court. The property would also be more difficult to trade or sell. The University Police Department has computer capabilities to enter stolen property into the system statewide. Most stolen property is never entered because serial numbers are not available. Therefore, very few are recovered. We use the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) computer.

PROPERTY ENGRAVING

Engravers are available at Love Library Circulation Desk. You can check one out with a valid SDSU I.D. card. Engravers are available to all students, faculty, and staff. Special engraving sessions will be held at the residence halls, fraternities, and sororities. Each person desiring to have personal property engraved will have his /her driver's license number or similar identification placed on each item. An inventory list will be provided.

BICYCLE LICENSING

The Crime Prevention Unit will license your bicycle under the State licensing law. Bicycle licenses and renewals are free of charge. Non-serialized and custom bikes should be engraved with the owner's driver's license number. Engravers are available at Love Library Circulation Desk. You can check them out with a valid SDSU I.D. card.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Engrave near manufacturer's model or serial number—easier to spot by police.
- On items too small to engrave (rings, stamps, etc.), take a photo using ruler for comparison and include detailed description.
- Inventories should be copied and one kept at another location such as safety deposit box, relative's home, etc. Put a value on items and date of purchase.
- When selling marked items, delete your number with a line from upper left to lower right; do not deface or sand number.
- Don't forget to mark auto accessories (tape decks, hubcaps, etc.) as well.
- Prior to purchasing used articles, have us check them to establish ownership; get bill-of-sale, ID of seller and add your ID and date. Try to copy serial numbers even if you don't buy the article.