Smart Phone Pictures Can Affect Your Privacy

Attaches your longitude and latitude along with other info about your picture. Many smartphones automatically geotag photos.

An example of where geotagging went wrong happened with Adam Savage, host of The Discovery Channel’s Mythbusters. Savage inadvertently revealed where he lived when he posted a picture from his iPhone of his car at home. But sending pictures to location-based social-networking sites can have many benefits. People can connect with friends and family when they have so little time and they would not be doing it otherwise. However, privacy groups note that location data opens a big window into very private details of a person’s life. Besides hackers, databases filled with such information could become inviting targets for stalkers.

As easy as it is to find this information, it's even easier for you to prevent people from seeing it. All you have to do is disable the geotagging option on your camera on your smartphone. Since the setting is different for each phone, you can look in your cell phone manual or on the settings menu. Once you’ve done this, don’t forget about your old pictures. Pictures posted before you turned this feature off still contain the GPS location.

But to opt out of GPS service means preventing the software on your phone from using any information about where you are. That means cutting yourself off from the vast array of mobile apps that offer discounts and ads, allow you to connect more easily with friends who use social media, and simplify your life with map directions. Although the U.S. government prohibits telephone companies from sharing customer data, the laws may not apply to the mobile services offered through apps made by third-party developers. But for now, it's up to smartphone users to decide: Is it privacy they are most concerned about, or convenience?

References: ABC News Columbus, OH; USA Today & WENN

Be Smart...Be Safe: Burglary Prevention Tips

Recently, we have experienced 2 burglaries and 2 robberies in the residential areas of the UTSA campus that are classified as “crimes of opportunity.” Typically, these crimes involve items that are left unattended or where residential doors or windows were left unlocked. It is rare for burglars to take the time to pick a lock. In most cases thieves enter an apartment by simple force, take only the most expensive objects (such as laptop computers or video game consoles) and make a swift, clean exit. There have also been several other robberies that occurred at off-campus apartment complexes near the UTSA Main Campus.

This article is reminded students to please be attentive to your belongings and aware of your surroundings in residential areas, whether you live on or off-campus. Please remember the general precautions that you can practice with regard to your own safety and security:

1. Keep windows locked at all times.
2. Make sure your apartment or resident-area doors stay locked, even when you are inside.
3. Have a trusted neighbor regularly check on your apartment when you are away.
4. If you live on campus, call the UTSA police for a “crime watch” of your resident-area during semester breaks.
5. Do not leave items in plain view. Close curtains or blinds to prevent thieves from looking in.
6. Engrave your property with your driver’s license number to help identify stolen property.
7. Only invite trusted friends into your residence and not strangers.
8. If you are not sure who is at the door, do not open the door.

We strongly believe that awareness and personal responsibility for your safety and security are the most effective crime fighting tools. Please help us work together with our community to reduce and eliminate crime. Please notify UTSA PD immediately if you know of any suspects involved in any of the above crimes or to report any suspicious activity at (210) 458-4911.

Follow these safety tips on burglary

Photo: Google Images
UTSA Recognizes Police Memorial Month

In observance of National Peace Officers Memorial Day, the UTSA Police Department will host a ceremony to commemorate the service and sacrifice of peace officers at 9:00 a.m., Friday May 20, 2011 at Bill Miller Plaza on the Downtown Campus. The event is free and open to the public.

The National Police Officers Memorial Day ceremony brings together the branches of San Antonio’s law enforcement community including local police, special jurisdictions such as college campus police and park police, military police and federal agencies including ATF, DEA, FBI, Secret Service and U.S. Marshals. The ceremony will include a reading of a proclamation from Vice President for Business Affairs Mr. Kerry Kennedy and a reading of the names of the law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in Texas in 2010. Additionally, there will be a wreath laying and playing of taps. Speakers will include Michael Heidingsfield, Director of Police for the University of Texas System. Throughout the week, UTSA departments and student organizations will honor National Police Week with visits to the UTSA Police Department, cards from students and other events. The UTSA Police Department also will send representatives to participate in the Texas Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony in Austin.

National Peace Officers Memorial Day began in 1962 when President John F. Kennedy designated the week encompassing May 15 as National Police Week. Police departments across the nation observe the week in different ways including open houses, SWAT demonstrations and memorial services. Through the efforts of Concerns of Police Survivors Inc., a half million blue ribbons have been distributed to law enforcement agencies to tie to their car antennas to call national attention to this day.

Every 57 hours, a law enforcement officer gives up his or her life in the line of duty. In 2010, Texas lost 19 law enforcement officers. Since 1963, 31 university police officers nationwide have died in the line of duty. Reference: UTSA Today archive articles

Employee Kudos: Go to Guards Jason Sejd, Kurt Kinsman, and Kenneth Bowen for their professionalism, courtesy, and work ethic. A staff member at DTC has observed them numerous times assisting students, staff, and visitors to our campus and they always have a smile on their face and a willingness to help. She said “Our University PD is fortunate to have such caring individuals.” Way to go!

Officer Piepho’s Crime Prevention Tip of the Month

Robbery is a scary thing for anyone to experience and can happen anywhere. Here are some tips to lower your chances of being robbed. Always be alert of your surroundings, especially at night. Be careful what you carry on you, don’t flaunt jewelry or money. Always walk and park your car in well-lit areas, avoid isolation at all costs. “Safety is numbers is the key.” An aware Roadrunner is a safe Roadrunner.

Lost or Found Items? Go to the UTSA Police Department

UTSA Police Lost and Found appreciates your help in managing lost property in a timely manner. Please send us lost and found items turned in to your department that have not been claimed within 30 days. Lost and found items can be scheduled for pick-up by UTSA PD or can be dropped off at the Lost & Found window at the Police Department located in the room 1.402 Physical Plant Building. Please include a list of found items, and be prepared to wait while the list and items are checked.

Please note also that UTPD Lost and Found no longer accepts the following items:
- UTSA ID Cards (are returned to card office)
- Blankets
- Broken items
- Hotel/Door Key Cards
- Items of little or no value
- Lunch bags or other food containers
- Serving Ware (cups, knives, forks, dishes, etc.)
- Soiled items to include clothing (bodily fluids, or otherwise a hygiene issue)
- Thermoses & Water Bottles

When your department has lost and found items in a container/box, with the completed list attached, please call UTSA Lost & Found at 458-6247 to request a pick up. We will normally have someone there same day, if possible, or within a day or two of your call at the latest.

All found property that is turned in to the University Police Lost & Found section is stored at the University Police Lost & Found for 60 days. After 60 days, the found property is transferred to the Surplus Property Department for public auctions or further disposition.

To claim found property items, individuals must present a valid Texas Driver’s license, UTSA photo ID card or a valid photo ID card from another source; military ID or another state photo ID card. Individuals must be able to accurately describe the property that was lost in order to claim property from the lost & found section.

Please don’t delay—graduation is around the corner! Help us return people’s stuff before they graduate or leave for summer.

Reference: Karnes County Sheriff’s Office, Crime Prevention Unit
**Safety Highlights  Donovan Agans (Director of BCEM)**

**Fire Drills—Sooner or Later . . . One Will Be for Real**

To create and sustain a culture of preparedness, UTSA performs annual unannounced fire drills in campus buildings with fire alarm systems. The requirement and regularity for fire drills have made some in our community think they are no big deal. They tend to continue their routine regardless of the evacuation and alarming alarms around them. The overwhelming thought is, “It’s only a drill.”

Well, in some occasions, yes it is. But there are times when something goes wrong in a kitchen or a lab or in electrical wiring and everything gets set aflame. In 2008 Our Lady of the Lake University had a fire in its Main Building. The fire affected more than 65,000 square feet of classrooms, labs, and offices. Fortunately no lives were lost as all building occupants quickly and effectively evacuated the building. However, if an individual chooses to ignore the earliest warnings chances of passing on could be great depending on where the fire started and how close the individual is to an exit. The time to react in a real emergency is short. Seconds do count.

A fire drill is an important thing. It may not feel like it when it interrupts your workday, but it is. They help ensure familiarity with exit routes and can build confidence in a person’s ability to respond promptly and safely if an actual fire occurs. Drills familiarize building occupants with the sound of the fire alarm. They are also training opportunities for emergency response units such as our Floor Captain Safety Liaisons, Police, and Facilities. They serve as important tests of alarm systems and fire reporting procedures. Most importantly fire drills save lives! It is a brief interruption in your life... better brief than permanent.

**New UTSAPD Detective Announced**

The UTSA Police Department announces the selection of Officer Jovany Vega as our new Detective assigned to the Criminal Investigations Section.

Detective Vega was selected after a very competitive process. He had been assigned to the UTSAPD Patrol Division for the last three years and comes with a great deal of experience. Detective Vega started with UTSAPD in August of 2002 as a security guard while attending UTSA with a full course load. He graduated from UTSA in 2006 with a degree in Economic Crime Investigations. He then attended the University of Texas System Police Academy in 2007, and recently attained his intermediate peace officer license. Since his time as a patrol officer, he was very proactive in his patrol duties by making arrests and investigation of suspicious activities.

Detective Vega is committed to protecting the UTSA community. He will attend specialized investigation training in the near future.

Congratulations Detective Vega.

**Detective Time by Sgt. Thomas Calucci (Supervisor, Criminal Investigations)**

For this month’s edition of The RunnerBeat, I’d like to explain how the UTSAPD investigations team begins to investigate crimes that are reported on campus. The first step in any investigation is conducted by the patrol officer who responds to the call. This is called a preliminary investigation. The officer will ask the reporting party certain questions which try to determine, what are called, solvability factors. To determine solvability factors, an officer may ask the reporting party: “do you know who did this?”, “do you know where the offender is now?”, or “are there any witnesses to what occurred?” The reporting officer may also determine that there is physical evidence left at the scene. The officer will either collect the evidence themselves or call a detective over to accomplish the task. This evidence is usually fingerprints or DNA left at the scene by the offender. This is another solvability factor.

Once the officer has completed his initial investigation, he or she will write a report and submit it to the UTSAPD records manager. The investigative Sergeant reviews all cases which are generated by the patrol officers and guards. Upon review, the Sergeant determines which cases need to be assigned to a detective for investigation. Once a case is assigned to a detective it then becomes a latent, or follow up investigation. The assigned detective will then prioritize the newly assigned case. Cases which contain solvability factors usually get the highest priority. However, even if there are no solvability factors, the assigned detective will perform a latent investigation to try and prosecute an offender.

Sometimes, even with solvability factors being present, we still run into some road blocks. Take, for instance, computers. Even though we might be able to track an IP address, sometimes the owner of that IP address can’t provide the name of an account holder. Or, with some cell phone companies, people don’t have to use their real name when they begin service. In these instances, we may need to do additional investigation to develop a suspect.

As you can see, there are many steps taken to solve a reported crime. Sometimes though, patience and perseverance pay off.
Schedule of Events For May 2011

**May 5, 6 & 7, 2011**
**UTSA Commencement**
Various times at Convocation Center

Celebrate as UTSA graduates walk across the stage in recognition of their accomplishments.

**Monday May 16, 2011**
**Student Affairs Awards**
3:00 pm at UC—Ballroom
This event is an award ceremony to honor the completion of a great year and give awards to deserving recipients.

**Friday May 20, 2011**
**Police Memorial Ceremony**
10:00 am at DTC—Bill Miller Plaza
UTSA Police Department will host a ceremony to commemorate the service and sacrifice of peace officers.

**Monday May 23, 2011**
**Click It or Ticket**
Various times at All Campuses
The Click It or Ticket campaign begins. Law enforcement will be out in force to enforce seat belt laws.

**Lost and Found**
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To report lost property items or to make inquiries regarding lost property call 210.458.6247 (Monday to Friday; 8am to 5pm). To claim found property items, individuals must present a valid Texas Driver’s license, UTSA photo ID card or a valid photo ID card from another source; military ID or another state photo ID card. Individuals must be able to accurately describe the property that was lost in order to claim property from the lost & found section.

The below listed items are currently being held by UTSAPO. If not claimed in 30 days, they will be disposed of in accordance with policy.

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**Crime Report for the Month of April 2011**

The below is a summary of the crimes that occurred in March as of April 20. For more information, go to www.utsa.edu/utsapd and click on Crime Stats.

**Thefts** = 12  **Alcohol Arrests** = 8

**Burglary of Vehicle** = 2  **Drug Arrests** = 11

**Assaults** = 0  **DWI Arrests** = 6

**Theft of Motor Vehicle** = 0  **Other Crimes** = 12

**UTSAPO Recognizes National Police Memorial Week May 15 to 21, 2011**
Click it Or Ticket, UTSA! Make Sure You Buckle Up!

UTSAPD Wants You To Buckle Up!
Click it or Ticket starts May 23, 2011
Photo From: Google Images

For anyone who complains about getting a ticket for not buckling up when driving or riding in a motor vehicle, here’s a crash course in reality from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:

Chief Barrera Says:

I received an e-mail from Patrick Grant of Athletics: “I just wanted to take a minute and let you know that Helen White in Access Services has done an outstanding job helping me solve a key problem.” Thanks Helen for your outstanding customer service!

Thank you for your hard work!

Chief Steve Barrera
UTSAPD Police Department
Photo From: File

- 2,198 people were killed on Texas roadways in 2008.
- Over 930 or 43% of passenger vehicle occupants killed in 2008 in Texas were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the fatal crash.

While those may sound like just statistics, the UTSA Police Department knows from personal experience that those numbers are the actual faces of mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, aunts, uncles and friends.

This goes to the heart of UTSAPD’s mission to protect the public. That is why we have joined with thousands of other State and local law enforcement agencies to announce support for the 2011 national Click It or Ticket seat belt enforcement mobilization, which runs May 23 to June 5, 2011.

Seat belts can be credited with saving more than 15,000 lives in 2007 alone. Thanks in part to high visibility enforcement campaigns, like Click It or Ticket, this has led to an all time high observed national seat belt usage rate of 83 percent in 2008. Before Click It or Ticket enforcement and public education efforts began in Texas in 2002, only 76.1 percent of Texans buckled up.

People often ask, “Aren’t there more serious criminals on the street other than those who simply are not buckling up? They’re not hurting anyone but themselves.” To the contrary, the people who choose to disobey the law by not wearing their seat belts are taking a chance with not only their lives, but the emotional and financial health of their families, friends and our community.

Law enforcement will be out in force to show our dedication to solving this problem. We want 100 percent of motorists to buckle up. Buckling up costs you nothing, but the costs of NOT buckling up may be a ticket, or worse — your life. Treat this as a tough and potentially life-saving reminder: Click It or Ticket!

Reference: buckleup2011.com

The UTSA Police Department wishes to congratulate all of the Spring 2011 graduates! Good luck in your future endeavors!

Protect Yourself from Heat Related Illnesses

Know the signs and symptoms of Heat Related Illnesses:
- Heat Cramps - Muscular pains and spasms due to heavy exertion and the first signal of trouble.
- Heat Exhaustion - Occurs when people exercise heavily or work in hot, humid. Results in a form of mild shock. If not treated condition may worsen.
- Heat Stroke - A life-threatening condition. The body temperature can rise so high that brain damage and death may result.

Follow these safety tips to avoid heat illness:
- Stay indoors as much as possible and limit exposure to the sun.
- Drink plenty of water.
- Dress in loose-fitting, lightweight, and light-colored clothes that cover as much skin as possible.
- Protect face and head by wearing a wide-brimmed hat.
- Avoid strenuous work during the warmest part of the day.

The Bottom Line by Chief Steve Barrera

It seems like this spring semester everything came early and went by fast. So now that finals are here and graduations are upon us we need to take the time to reflect back on your experiences and prepare for your summer break. I know some of you are saying what break……when you have summer school scheduled for most of the summer.

For those of you graduating, congratulations and we wish you luck in the future as you continue your journey. But for those of you who are planning on taking a summer break and traveling this summer please make sure you keep safety in mind. Obviously, your physical safety is the most important thing to worry about during your vacation so use caution when engaging in activities during the summer months. Heat exhaustion is always a danger during our summer months, be sure to be well hydrated or plan more activities during the cooler times of the day.

This month’s Runner Beat articles are designed to alert you on how you can avoid becoming a victim of crime, whether it’s a burglary or a robbery. Officer Piepho’s tips on avoiding becoming a robbery victim bear repeating. If you plan to travel this summer make sure you avoid becoming a robbery victim by not overly displaying your money, credit cards, or expensive jewelry. Safety in numbers is the key to avoid becoming a victim this summer. For those of you returning next fall semester we look forward to your safe return. Once again, congratulations on your graduation or successfully completing another semester of school here at UTSA and have a safe summer.