INDIAN WELLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Weekly Incidents of Interest

DATE	CRIME	LOCATION	SUMMARY
05/04/2025	**DUI Arrest**	Hwy 111 and Indian Wells Ln.	**DUI Arrest –** Deputy Stratton was dispatched to the Grand Hyatt Resort regarding a suspected DUI driver who had driven onto the sidewalk and into landscaping. Upon contact, the driver exhibited signs of impairment and was ultimately arrested for driving under the influence. After receiving medical clearance, the individual was booked into the John J. Benoit Detention Center.
05/07/2025	**Domestic Violence Arrest**	Indian Wells	**Domestic Violence Arrest –** Deputy Castaneda responded to a residence in Indian Wells regarding a reported domestic dispute. The investigation determined that the suspect had assaulted his girlfriend and fled the scene prior to deputies' arrival. He was later located at a separate residence and taken into custody without incident. The individual was booked into the John J. Benoit Detention Center for violations of Penal Code 273.5 (Domestic Violence) and Penal Code 422 (Criminal Threats).
05/10/2025	Warrant Arrest	Indian Wells	Deputies from Indian Wells and Rancho Mirage Special Enforcement Teams (SET) received a Flock notification regarding a vehicle associated with a wanted individual traveling through Indian Wells. The vehicle was located near Highway 111 and San Luis Drive in Palm Desert. A 42-year-old Cathedral City resident was arrested on an outstanding warrant for grand theft and subsequently booked at the John Benoit Detention Center (JBDC)
05/22/2025	Criminal Threats	Province Way and Hwy 111	Deputies responded to the 44000 block of Province Way in Indian Wells regarding

			reports of an armed subject threatening individuals at a restaurant. Upon arrival, deputies detained a male subject in his hotel room. Investigation revealed the subject had become confrontational with a bartender after his advances were rejected, subsequently making statements implying he had a firearm, had previously served prison time for murder, and intended to harm others present. No firearm was observed by witnesses, and a search of the individual yielded no weapons. The subject was arrested and booked into jail on suspicion of criminal threats (PC 422)
05/23/2025	DUI TC/City Property Damage		Deputies responded to a single-vehicle collision involving a traffic signal pole at the intersection of Highway 111 and Club Drive in Indian Wells. Upon arrival, deputies located the driver, who exhibited signs consistent with intoxication. The traffic signal sustained no significant damage. The driver was transported to a local hospital for medical evaluation. A DUI investigation was conducted at the hospital, and a collision investigation was completed at the scene. The driver was subsequently arrested for driving under the influence, with charges to be filed out-of-custody.
05/27/2025	Vehicle Pursuit / DUI Arrest	Hwy 111 and Indian Wells Ln.	Deputy Leal initiated a traffic stop at Hwy 111 and Indian Wells Ln, Indian Wells. The driver fled, prompting a pursuit through Indian Wells, La Quinta, and Thermal, assisted by Thermal Station deputies and CHP AIR 63. The driver exited on foot, was apprehended using a Taser, medically cleared, and booked at JBDC for felony evading and driving under the influence.
05/30/2025	Trespassing Arrest	Via Toscana Country Club	Deputy Prieto contacted a 26-year-old Coachella resident at Via Toscana Country Club, Indian Wells, near the HOA office. The subject was arrested for trespassing after refusing multiple requests to leave the premises. He was booked at JBDC.
05/30/2025	DMV Fraud/Conspiracy Arrest	Hwy 111 and Washington	Deputies Castaneda and Prajin of the Indian Wells Special Enforcement Team conducted a traffic stop near Washington and Highway 111. The driver, a 32-year-old Coachella man, admitted to illegally obtaining a fraudulent

			2025 vehicle registration tag via Instagram. The vehicle's registered owner, his spouse, arrived on scene and was also arrested. Both individuals were booked at JBDC for DMV fraud (4463(a)(1) CVC) and conspiracy (182(a)(1) PC).
05/31/2025	HS Arrest	Hwy 111 and Desert Horizons	Deputies Prajin and Castaneda conducted a pedestrian check at the bus stop near Hwy 111 and Desert Horizons, Indian Wells. A 40-year-old Coachella man was found to have an active warrant for narcotics possession. Deputies located methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia during a search. The subject admitted ownership and was booked at JBDC for possession of narcotics (HS §11377(a)), paraphernalia (HS §11364(a)), and felony treatment enhancement (HS §11395).