

Thursday night we received a report of a mountain lion on the 200 block of Gateway Drive around 8:15PM. Not aggressive behavior was reported, and it was described as about 100 lbs. in size. Officers responded and were unable to locate the lion. Similar mountain lion sightings were reported in the early morning of November 25 in a Westview neighborhood and near the 900 blk of Fassler Ave.

Mountain lions are a natural part of our environment. Please be aware this could be your backyard! If you see one, contact the police department at 650-738-7314. All observation information is forwarded to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, who are the experts in dealing with these animals. If you have not done so already, take a look at the following tips about living with mountain lions:

- Don't feed deer; it is illegal in California and it will attract mountain lions.
- Deer-proof your landscaping by avoiding plants that deer like to eat.
- Trim brush to reduce hiding places for mountain lions.
- Don't leave small children or pets outside unattended.
- Install motion-sensitive lighting around the house.
- Don't allow pets outside when mountain lions are most active—dawn, dusk, and at night.
- Bring pet food inside to avoid attracting raccoons, opossums and other potential mountain lion prey.
- Do not hike, bike, or jog alone.
- Avoid hiking or jogging when mountain lions are most active—dawn, dusk, and at night.
- Keep a close watch on small children.
- Do not approach a mountain lion.
- If you encounter a mountain lion, do not run; instead, face the animal, make noise and try to look bigger by waving your arms; throw rocks or other objects. Pick up small children.
- If attacked, fight back. [Pacifica PD]