



# Abilene Police Department Information Release



*Our mission is to work together to build a community of the highest quality for present and future generations.*

450 Pecan Street  
Abilene, Texas 79601  
325-673-8331  
[www.abilenepolice.org](http://www.abilenepolice.org)

Subject – Graffiti Eradication Program

Location – Abilene

Investigation Status – N/A

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The Abilene Police Department remains committed to serving our community while informing them of an important program that will help residents combat the crime of graffiti.

If your home, business or property has been targeted with graffiti, please report the crime by calling the APD non-emergency telephone number, 325-673-8331. This is an important step ensuring this crime is properly documented and could even help lead investigators to the perpetrator.

After graffiti is reported, it is important to remove or paint over the graffiti. Leaving graffiti in place could be interpreted as condoning the crime. The Police Department understands that the cost of repairing damages from graffiti is expensive. However, APD partners with the Taylor County Juvenile Probation's Graffiti Eradication Program. This program offers graffiti removal including power-washing or painting over the vandalized area. The labor is free but any paint or chemicals used must be provided by the property owner. All graffiti incident reports are submitted to APD's Youth Division, who then forwards your information to the Juvenile Probation office. Juvenile Probation then contacts the victim to discuss removing the graffiti.

We also ask our citizens to lock up or store any spray paint cans in an inaccessible place. Any spray paint can that is not locked up or disposed of in a proper way could fall into the hands of a potential violator. The City of Abilene's Environmental Recycling Center, located at 2209 Oak St., accepts spray paint cans. The center is open Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 4:45 p.m.

We believe that by working together, citizens and the Abilene Police Department can make a difference curbing the crime of graffiti.