



City of Grover Beach

**PRESS RELEASE
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Stealing and Vandalizing Campaign Signs Is Illegal.

The Grover Beach Police Department has received reports of the theft and vandalism of “campaign signs” of various City Council candidates of Grover Beach. The signs have either been removed from yards or damaged. Stealing and/or damaging these campaign signs is a misdemeanor crime and, if caught, a person could be fined \$1,000 or spend six (6) months in jail.

The Grover Beach Police Department supports the election process in a free society and asks that our community do the same. The Grover Beach Police Department will actively investigate these cases. Anyone with information about this type of activity is encouraged to call the Grover Beach Police Department at (805) 473-4511, and we will take appropriate action.

The stealing of yard signs of candidates people oppose is not a new problem. Our agency will not condone this type of activity. Taking yard signs from private property is stealing.

Here are some tips to help avoid this activity:

- 1. If it's at all practical, bring your yard signs in at night as most thefts occur at night.**
- 2. If your yard sign is stolen, report it to the Police Department. Yard signs are your personal property. Taken from your private property, it is theft and can be reported as such.**
- 3. Place your last name and phone number in permanent marker on the yard sign so the Police Department can identify where a sign came from, if found.**

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