



COMMUNITY ALERT

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ATTENTION AREA RESIDENTS

THERE IS A POTENTIAL *RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY PROBLEM* IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD

Recent burglaries in your area are believed to be related and possibly the beginning of a longer term pattern. This area is attractive to burglars, as it is easily accessed by those riding the Metro Orange Line on the north and those using the Balboa Recreation Center on the east. Our patrol units have been given directives to patrol your area more often during daytime hours when most of you are at work.

As we near the time of year with warmer days and nights, many residents open sliding doors and windows for ventilation during the night. Unfortunately, these doors and windows are often forgotten and remain unsecured for the entire time they are away.

Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the tips presented below.

While the Los Angeles Police Department is making every effort to combat this problem and since community awareness is the key to prevention...we need your assistance:

TIPS FOR PROTECTING YOUR PROPERTY

- Lock all doors and windows before leaving your residence and ensure that sliding glass doors cannot be lifted from their tracks. We are all busy and forget. Write yourself a reminder on an index card and place it on the inside of the door you leave through to remind yourself to secure your home.
- Record the serial numbers of your electronic & computer equipment and keep in a secure location.
- Burglars nearly always look for valuables in bedrooms, especially master bedrooms. Find an unlikely place inside your home to secure them. Tell only those that need to know where that place(s) is. If you have a small safe, hide it well, bolt it down or don't leave anything valuable in it.
- If you observe suspicious activity which may be linked to these crimes, obtain a description of the individual(s) physical appearance, actions, and any vehicle descriptions including license plate numbers and contact the police immediately by calling 911 (emergency) or 877-275-5273 (non-emergency). *Do not confront suspicious individuals.*
- Finally, please consider joining an existing or starting a new Neighborhood Watch program in your neighborhood.

FOR MORE CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION, LOG ON TO LAPDONLINE.ORG

If you have additional questions or can provide any information about the above crimes, please contact West Valley Area Detectives at (818) 374-7730, you may contact your Senior Lead Officer, Officer Daryl Scoggins (818-374-7632) or Officer Dave Ham (818-374-7634).

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