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BURGLARY SERIES CONTINUES

(San Diego) The San Diego Police are continuing to see more cases in a burglary series which began in January of this year. There have been a total of 15 cases thus far. It was initially believed that the cases started in Western Division's area in March, but further investigation revealed that one case matching this series occurred in January. The cases have occurred in Linda Vista, Allied Gardens, Point Loma, Clairemont and La Jolla.

In several of the cases, white or Hispanic men are traveling through neighborhoods and using a ruse to gain entry into residences where elderly individuals live. The suspects knock on the door of a residence and ask for a glass of water. While they are distracting the resident, another suspect goes inside the home, directly to the master bedroom and steals jewelry and other items from the bedroom. The suspects have also knocked on doors and indicated that they were working in the area and that they broke a water pipe in the resident's backyard. They ask the resident to come into the backyard to survey the damage. When the resident is distracted by the first suspect, another suspect goes inside and steals items from the home.

The victims in the most recent cases tell detectives that two women come to the door and ask the resident to allow their son (male 8 to 10 years of age) to use the restroom. While inside, the women steal items from the home.

The suspects are targeting the elderly and may be staking out the houses to determine who lives there prior to approaching the residents. In one case, a suspect claimed to be an employee at a local utility company, but was not wearing a uniform.

The suspects are described as white or Hispanic men in their 20s and 30s and two women also described as Hispanic with brown hair. They may be using a two-tone American made van or a primer gray colored SUV.

If you have any information on these cases, please call Detective Dan Roman at Western Division (619) 692-4818 or Northern Division at (858) 552-1700. You may also call Crime Stoppers anonymous, toll-free tip line (888) 580-TIPS. You can remain anonymous and be eligible for a reward of up to $1000 for information leading to an arrest in this case.

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