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COMMERCIAL BURGLARY SERIES IN CITY HEIGHTS

(San Diego) Mid City Division is experiencing a series of commercial burglaries in the City Heights Area. Over the last several weeks there have been several burglaries to small grocery stores, liquor stores and independently owned convenience markets.

In most cases the crimes are occurring during the nighttime hours, and the loss includes cash, phone cards, lottery tickets and cell phones. The suspect(s) are using an unknown type of pry tool to force open the back door to the businesses. The suspect(s) attempt to defeat the alarm systems by cutting the telephone wires. We have crime video, showing two males, speaking in Spanish while burglarizing one of the stores. (The video can be viewed at the Mid City Police Station.)

We are asking the public's help in locating possible suspects. If you have any information or know of people in possession of or selling large numbers of phone cards, lottery tickets or cell phones, please call the San Diego Police Department at (619) 531-2000 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-TIPS (8477).

The contact persons are Sergeant Juan Gonzales or Detective Ed Austin, and they can be reached at (619) 516-3000.

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