Santee Sheriff's Investigators Are Asking For the Public's Help to Identify and Apprehend Two Burglary Suspects Caught on Tape

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San Diego County Crime Stoppers is joining forces with San Diego County Sheriff's Department's Santee detectives to help identify and apprehend the suspects responsible for burglarizing vehicles in the Santee and Encinitas areas. Two suspects were caught on a store surveillance tape using credit cards that were stolen during those burglaries.

Detectives think that the suspects may be targeting local gyms, waiting in the parking lots, watching the patron to see what they do with their purses. In at least one of the vehicle burglaries the female victim got out of her car and locked her purse in the trunk before entering the gym. When she returned to her vehicle she noticed that the trunk has been broken into and her credit cards had been stolen.

The unidentified suspects, a man and a woman, have used the stolen credit cards at local stores in Santee, Kearny Mesa and Encinitas. The suspects were caught on tape during one of their shopping sprees.

***** Still photos of the suspects and their vehicle are attached to this press release. *****

Note: Investigators would like to remind everyone not to leave valuables in their vehicles. Locking your cars does not necessarily protect your valuables from opportunistic thieves.

Anyone with information on the identity and/or location of these suspects should call the **Crime Stoppers anonymous toll-free tip line at (888) 580-TIPS.** Crime Stoppers is offering up to a **$1,000** reward to anyone with information that leads to the arrest of the suspects responsible for these crimes.

Media inquiries about the case should be directed to Santee Detective Brian Patterson at (619) 279-9153. Questions regarding Crime Stoppers should be directed to Sheriff's Deputy Adriana Uribe (619) 531-1547 or SDPD Officer Jim Johnson at (619) 531-1500.

For information leading to an arrest, you could receive up to a $1,000 reward and remain anonymous. The qualification of any person(s) for the reward and the amount of the reward for any person(s) so qualifying will be determined by San Diego County Crime Stoppers, Inc, in its sole discretion. The amount of all rewards given shall not exceed $1,000. Information must be received on the tip line, (888) 580-TIPS.

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