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SDPD WARNING ABOUT BURGLARY CASES

(San Diego) The San Diego Police Department Western Division detectives are working a burglary series with three cases in the Point Loma area; one in La Jolla; one in Clairemont and one in Linda Vista. This series began on March 15, 2007.

Several 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; usually putting the stolen items into a pillow case or a sheet. 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.

It appears 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. They may be using a van (unknown color) 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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