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### **HOT PROWL BURGLARY SERIES SUSPECT SOUGHT**

(San Diego) SDPD Northeastern Division detectives are asking for help from the public in identifying a man believed to be responsible for several hot prowl burglary cases in the northern part of San Diego. The burglaries are taking place in the late evening and early morning hours when residents are at home. Detectives believe that this suspect is responsible for eight cases which have occurred since the beginning of August, 2006. In one case, the suspect entered the room in which the residents were sleeping.

The hot prowl burglaries are happening in the following communities: Miramar Ranch North, 4S Ranch, Sabre Springs, Carmel Valley and at least one case in Poway. The suspect enters through unlocked doors and windows and steals jewelry, cash, identification cards and credit cards. Often the victims in these cases do not know they have been burglarized until they try to use their credit card or identification. The suspect is careful not to leave evidence that he has been inside the victims homes. In one case, a BMW was stolen and that vehicle has not yet been recovered.

The suspect then uses the stolen credit cards to make purchases. The suspect was caught on the surveillance camera of a retail store. (Two photos of the suspect are attached.) He is described as a white male, 20 – 30 years old, with dirty blonde hair.

All residents are cautioned to keep the doors and windows of their homes locked as well as keeping their car doors locked and to report any instances of theft or suspicious activity to the police immediately.

Anyone with information on the identity and/or location of this suspect is asked to call Detective Wendy Reno at (858) 538-8015 or call the **Crime Stoppers anonymous toll-free tip line at (888) 580-TIPS**. Crime Stoppers offers up to a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to the arrest of these suspects.

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