



El Cajon PD Looking for Leads in Residential Burglary Series Up to \$1,000 Reward Offered

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San Diego County Crime Stoppers is joining forces with the El Cajon Police Department to help identify and apprehend the suspect(s) responsible for a residential burglary series.

Detectives said since the fall of 2008, the southeast area of the city of El Cajon has had about 30 hot prowl and attempted burglaries. A hot prowl burglary is when the occupants of a residence are home at the time of the burglary. These crimes often occur at night while the residents are asleep.

The latest in this series of burglaries occurred early in the morning on Saturday, November 21 near the intersection of Rebecca and Granite Hills. In earlier cases, the suspect committed several burglaries in the same area over a few days and would not strike again for some time. The cases on November 21 were the first since September of this year. Investigators believe the suspect may be someone who visits the area on a regular basis and is familiar with the neighborhoods where the crimes are being committed. The suspect commonly takes small items such as wallets and purses, and enters homes through unlocked doors and windows. People are reminded to lock their doors and windows, especially at night.

The police department would like to remind members of the community to be vigilant and aware of what is happening in their neighborhoods. During many of the incidents, victims reported hearing suspicious noises during the night, but failed to call the police department. Members of the community should immediately call 911 to report any suspicious activity.

Investigators are asking anyone with information on the identity of the person(s) responsible for this crime to call the **Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477**. Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to an arrest. Anonymous email and text messages can be sent in via www.sdcrimestoppers.com.

Media inquiries should be directed to ECPD Lt. Tim Henton at (619) 579-3321. Questions about Crime Stoppers should be directed to Officer Jim Johnson at (619) 531-1500 or Deputy Adriana Uribe at (619) 531-1547.

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) 580-8477.