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## San Diego Police Arrest Two Suspects for Multiple Car Burglaries

**San Diego, CA** – Various neighborhoods in Central Division recently experienced car prowls/burglaries. The crimes have occurred in gated parking structures and vehicles parked on the street. Most of these crimes were occurring in the late night and early morning hours. The property loss ranged from computer equipment, cell phones, jewelry, power tools, backpacks/purses and other property. The suspects gained entry into the vehicles by smashing the side windows.

In response to these crimes, a thorough analysis was conducted, crime trends were carefully tracked and proactive compliance checks for parolees and probations were conducted. During the investigation, we were able to identify two possible suspects.

On January 5, 2016, the Central Division Night Investigative Team conducted surveillance on one possible suspect in the San Diego State area. During that surveillance, it was discovered that two additional car prowls had been committed prior to his apprehension. Stolen property was located and recovered in his white Ford Ranger. As the investigation progressed, a second suspect was identified as an accomplice.

As a result of the investigation, multiple search warrants have expanded our investigation to crimes which had yet to be reported outside Central Division and in some cases outside the City of San Diego. The suspects currently face 31 charges of burglary.

The suspects were identified as:

William Gaukel White male adult DOB: 11/4/1989 Christain Marquez Hispanic male adult DOB: 01/19/1991

What:Car Prowl Series Suspects ApprehendedWhen:January 5, 2016Where:Central Division AreaContact:Lieutenant Martha Sainz (619) 218-2587

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