



News from
Councilmember Todd Gloria

City of San Diego ▪ District Three

Friends,

It is with great excitement that I bring you this public safety update.

The San Diego Police Department has arrested an individual connected to over 50 residential burglaries in Mid-City neighborhoods.

Starting in Spring 2010, SDPD Detective Jacques identified a series of residential burglaries occurring in the University Heights and North Park areas. In the incidents, the suspect generally entered residences through an open window or door taking only laptop type computers and a pillowcase. Based on interviews with the victims, Detective Jacques determined that the suspect in some of the cases was conducting surveillance of the intended target residence and entering only when the victims left and were gone only for a short time. Over the next several months, Detective Jacques worked with Western Division police officers to conduct surveillance and patrol activities in an attempt to identify the suspect involved in the burglaries.

On September 14, at approximately 3:39 a.m., Western patrol officers responded to a report of a Hot Prowl – a residential burglary with occupants inside – in progress on Illinois Street. A neighbor of the victim had observed the suspect remove a screen, open a window, and attempt to enter the residence. Numerous patrol officers responded to the call and upon arrival, the suspect attempted to hide. When Officer Temnick approached, the suspect fled on foot and a foot pursuit ensued. The suspect was eventually taken into custody by Officer Castillo and identified by the witness.

Detectives Jacques and Williams responded from home. After an extensive interview with the suspect, he confessed to 52 residential burglaries. The San Diego District Attorney's Office's Major Violators Unit has agreed to prosecute the offender.

While this arrest should make us all feel much more secure, I implore each of you to take common sense steps to protect yourself, your loved ones, and your home. Whether you are home or away, please lock your windows and doors. For those who enjoy fresh air, please invest in window locks and ensure your windows cannot open wider than a few inches. Learn more about home security:
<http://www.sandiego.gov/police/prevention/homsec.shtml>.

I offer my most sincere thanks to the San Diego Police Department. San Diego is safer thanks to the diligence and follow-through of all officers involved.

I am also grateful to the neighbor who alerted the police to the offender's last attempted burglary. This individual's vigilance improved the safety of our entire community.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'T' and a trailing flourish.

Todd

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