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HOT-PROWL BURGLARY SERIES SUSPECT IN CUSTODY

(San Diego) SDPD Northeastern Division detectives linked surveillance photos and phone tips from residents of San Diego to a suspect currently being held in the San Diego Central Jail. Justin R. Clarke, 26, was arrested on November 2, 2006. He is being held on possession of stolen property and drug charges which are not related to the hot-prowl burglary series. Additional information on Clarke can be found at the San Diego Central Jail site <http://www.sdsheriff.net/wij/wij.aspx>.

Detectives believe Clarke is responsible for the hot-prowl burglary series occurring in Northeastern Division's area. Recent news stories on this case led individuals in the San Diego area to call detectives and give them additional information on Clarke. The investigation into these cases is ongoing.

The hot prowl burglaries occurred in Miramar Ranch North, 4S Ranch, Sabre Springs, and at least one case in Poway. The suspect entered 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.

A map including the locations of the cases is included.

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