



Hot-Prowl Burglary Series Suspect Sought

Up to \$1,000 Reward Offered

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San Diego County Crime Stoppers and detectives from the SDPD Eastern Division are asking for assistance from the public in identifying and locating a female suspect responsible for at least eight local hot-prowl burglaries.

In March 2010, a residential hot prowler burglary series (at least 8) was identified in the Lake Murray/San Carlos area. The suspect, an obese black female, appears to stalk elderly victims as they leave local strip malls. The suspect follows the victims back to their home and then uses various ruses such as needing to use a phone book, looking for a neighbor or having car trouble to gain access into their home. Once the suspect enters the home, she steals wallets from the victims' purse and then flees. In two cases, the suspect has simply walked into the victim's home through an unlocked door. The victims have ranged in age from 77 to 91.

Usually within the first hours of the burglaries, the suspect makes an extensive number of fraudulent credit card purchases throughout San Diego County, including Mission Valley, El Cajon, Chula Vista and National City.

The suspect is described as a black female, mid 40's, 5'9" to 6'00" tall and weighing at least 300 pounds. The suspect generally wears large oval sunglasses, baseball caps or wigs to change her appearance. The suspect is very brazen and has made physical contact with one victim.

A picture of the suspect was obtained via surveillance video and attached to page two of this news release.

Investigators are asking anyone with information on the identity and or location of this suspect to call SDPD Eastern Division at (858) 495-7900 or 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 in this case. Anonymous email and text messages can be sent in via www.sdcrimestoppers.com.

Media inquiries can be directed to either 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.

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