



HAWTHORNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Hawthorne Police Arrest Six Residential Burglary Suspects In Separate Incidents

Due to recent residential burglary crimes being experienced over the last several days within the City of Hawthorne, the Hawthorne Police Department developed a specialized operation, deploying Officers to focus surveillance, identification and arrest efforts against criminals preying on community homes. Today, March 10, 2016, shortly before one o'clock in the afternoon, Officers were working in the 'Hollyglen' area of Hawthorne, and observed a vehicle with occupants parked in the 5200 block of 142nd Place. The vehicle matched the description of the suspect vehicle involved in the recent burglaries as described by a witness.

A witness to a previous home burglary was contacted and ultimately identified the same vehicle. Police contacted an additional subject in the area, who was found to be associated with the detainees. Investigators learned that this lone subject had been knocking on the door of a nearby residence, asking for directions. This is a common practice used by residential burglars to see if anyone is home without looking overly suspicious.

Based upon all facts gathered, three subjects were arrested for suspicion of residential burglary, two of them were juveniles. Detectives located items in the suspect vehicle that were identified as belonging to a victim of a residential burglary in the Ladera Heights area that occurred earlier today.

While the above investigation was occurring, a citizen in 4500 block of 137th Place saw three subjects, walk to the rear yard of a residence, which was not their own. Hawthorne Police Officers made a quick response to this location and arrived to find three subjects fleeing from the back yard. A containment was established which led to the successful apprehension of all suspects after a short time. During their detention, it was found that one of the suspects had a key that opened the car door of a stolen vehicle located at the scene. Investigation showed that a residential burglary did, in fact,

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occur to the home in question, with the rear-door having been forced open. The three subjects, at least one of which was a juvenile, were arrested.

All suspects were booked the Hawthorne Police Department Jail.

Through the combined effort of our Police Department and the Hawthorne community today, six home burglary suspects were taken into custody within an hour time frame. The Hawthorne Police Department asks that all its community members be vigilant and partner in keeping a watchful eye on their neighborhood and citizens alike. Suspicious activity can easily be reported to the Police Department for our response and investigation.

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