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Type of Incident: Night Time Burglaries

Location: South Huntington Beach

Date/Time of Occurrence: 1-23-13 thru 2-7-13

Case Number: Multiple

Details:

Between the 23rd of January and the 2nd of February there has been a series of "Hot Prowl" burglaries and thefts from vehicles in two neighborhoods in Huntington Beach. There has been over twenty reported incidents of burglaries, thefts, and/or attempted thefts and/or break-ins. The two neighborhoods being targeted are the Peterson Elementary tract (bounded by Beach Blvd, Indianapolis Ave, Newland St, and Atlanta Ave.) and the Burke School tract (bounded by Bushard St, Indianapolis Ave, Brookhurst St, and Atlanta Ave.).

All of the incidents to date have been occurring between 1:00 A.M. and 4:00 A.M. The suspect(s) have been entering residences through unlocked side or rear doors. All of the car thefts appear to have been to unlocked cars parked on the street, in driveways, or to unlocked cars parked inside unlocked garages.

The thieves are stealing a wide variety of items but appear to mainly be focusing on electronics and cash. There have been incidents during the series that appeared to be suspicious to the victims, or neighbors, but they did not report them to the police until it was realized that they, or their neighbors, were victims.

The police department is requesting everyone lock and secure their homes and cars throughout the day and night. If a citizen sees something they think may be suspicious we ask they call the police and report it as soon as possible. You can call the police department directly at 714-960-8825. Some suspicious activity has been captured on residential surveillance footage during the time frame of the Hot Prowl Series. Detectives investigating the case would appreciate any further footage, or eye-witnessed accounts, of unusual and suspicious activity that has occurred in those reported housing tracts during the time frame of the Hot Prowl series. Please contact Sgt. Abrahams 714-536-5949 or Detective Goodspeed 714-536-5653.

Up to date and additional information can be found on the Huntington Beach Police Department Facebook page.