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Press Release

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POLICE ALERTING RESIDENTS TO SERIES OF HOME BURGLARIES

Narrative:

Police are warning residents of a series of home burglaries in the southern section of Vacaville in which the suspects used similar tactics to determine if anyone was home.

In one incident, which occurred on Monday, October 1, 2012 around 2:30 p.m., a resident, who lives off Foxboro Parkway contacted police to report an unusual incident that had just taken place. A man she did not know knocked on her door and told her that a cat was on her front lawn, crying. She did not open her front door, but a few minutes after the man left, she went out to check and discovered that someone had tried to enter her home. At that point, the resident contacted police.

Officers arrived and talked to other neighbors, learning that the man had done the same thing at two other homes. Officers checked the immediate area but did not locate the man.

A short time later, police received calls from four residents on nearby streets reporting that their homes had been burglarized during the same time period. Jewelry and other small items had been taken.

The suspect in these incidents is described as a black male, approximately 19 years old, about 5' 10" with a medium build, hair in corn rows, wearing a gray T-shirt and blue jeans and carrying a backpack with a flowered Hawaiian print pattern.

Another similar incident took place early Tuesday morning at approximately 12:13 a.m. A resident, who lives off of Tulare Drive, saw a person jump over a neighbor's fence and try to break into the side garage door. The neighbor confronted the suspect, who fled in a car. The resident of the attempted break-in was home at the time but was not aware anything had taken place.

The resident told police that shortly before the attempted break-in, a woman knocked on her door, but as she did not recognize her, she did not answer.

The suspect in this case is described as a Hispanic male in his late 20's with short hair and a heavy build, wearing a dark T-shirt and tan shorts. He was with a female in her 20s with blonde hair. They both fled in a burgundy Mitsubishi two-door car.

There have been an increasing number of residential burglaries in the southern portion of Vacaville. Vacaville police encourage residents to call and report suspicious activity. If a stranger knocks on your door and asks an odd question or doesn't seem to be legitimately selling any products, please call the police department immediately.

Anyone with information about these cases should contact the Vacaville Police Department at (707) 449-5200.

Criminal activity can be reported at www.cityofvacaville.com/departments/police, or you can call "Crime Stoppers" and leave an anonymous tip at 707-644-STOP(7867). Crime Stoppers may pay up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest.