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### Vehicle pursuit and arrest of two men for Hawarden Hills Neighborhood burglary

**Riverside, California:** On Tuesday, February 26, 2013, at approximately 11:21 am, RPD Dispatch was notified of a residential burglary alarm being activated in the 7800 block of Pine Crest Drive. As officers were responding to the alarm call, Officer Eric Lindgren, who was on patrol in the same Hawarden Hills Neighborhood, observed and attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a Toyota Corolla with no license plates, occupied by two men, in the area of Hawarden Drive and Skye Drive. The driver of the vehicle failed to yield and a lengthy vehicle pursuit ensued.

RPD Helicopter Air-1 directed responding ground units, as the pursuit traveled along the 215 Freeway into Grand Terrace. The vehicle pursuit terminated in the area of Jurupa Valley, where the two suspects abandoned their vehicle and attempted to flee on foot. The suspects were quickly apprehended after a short foot pursuit and taken into custody without incident. The arrestees were identified as Andrew Modesti, 28 years old of Corona & Jeffrey Vance, 49 years old of Riverside. Follow-up investigation revealed, the arrestees had been leaving the scene of the Pine Crest Drive burglary and were still in possession of several items of stolen property taken from the home. The property has since been returned to the owners.

It is believed these arrestees may be responsible for at least two (2) other burglaries in the same neighborhood in recent weeks and additional charges are pending. Some of the key elements to identifying these burglars came from more than one Hawarden Hills' residents who have witnessed the burglars jumping over the walls of homes which have been broken into. Both witnesses are supporters of their local "Neighborhood Watch" style program and immediately called the police, providing descriptions of the suspects and their vehicle. According to Area Commander Lieutenant Dan Hoxmeier, "Neighborhood Watch is mostly about being both a good neighbor and communicator. When people are vigilant and have an established communication network available to them, for the sharing of information which is vital to the overall well-being of their neighborhood, they become a "force multiplier" for their police department."

If you are interested in becoming a member of your local neighborhood watch program, please begin the process by contacting Irma Ochoa at (951) 353 – 7962 or at [iochoa@riversideca.gov](mailto:iochoa@riversideca.gov)

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