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Police arrest suspects in Orangecrest area residential burglaries

RIVERSIDE, CA -- On November 29, 2010, alert detectives from the Riverside Police Department's East Neighborhood Policing Center were conducting follow-up investigation at a pawn shop located in the Woodcrest area of Riverside County. While there, they observed an individual conducting a suspicious looking transaction involving jewelry. With the cooperation of the pawn shop staff and in accordance with California Law, the detectives conducted an inquiry into the transaction and suspected that many of the items pawned were possibly stolen in a residential burglary from a home in the Orangecrest Area of the City of Riverside.

Further investigation was subsequently conducted which linked additional suspects to multiple residential burglaries in the Orangecrest area of the City of Riverside. The suspects would conduct residential burglaries by gaining entry into the homes via partially open garage doors, doggy doors, and unlocked windows and doors. Once inside of the homes they would steal items such as jewelry, cameras, cellular phones, and purses or wallets. The suspects would then have an accomplice pawn stolen items and illegally use the ATM or credit cards at local retail stores. The investigation is ongoing and to date police are continuing to identify additional suspects.

To date, police have arrested and booked two suspects, one of which is a juvenile, and recovered over \$10,000 worth of stolen property taken from at least five residential burglaries, all in the Orangecrest area. The adult suspect has been identified as Jeffery WOOD, 22, of Riverside and a 14-year old juvenile who cannot be identified in accordance with California law. Both suspects have been booked on numerous felony charges to include burglary and conspiracy.

Citizens are urged to make sure to lock and secure doors and windows, even when leaving for a minute. Do not enter your house if you see evidence of a burglary, call police. Never leave an unattended garage with the door partially open, consider having a burglary alarm installed, report suspicious activity and join your local Neighborhood Watch program. Anyone with information pertaining to this on-going investigation is asked to contact Detective Lavall Nelson at 951-351-6041.

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