



Milpitas Police Department

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PRESS RELEASE

Residential Burglaries

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In recent weeks Milpitas has seen a surge in residential burglaries. The Milpitas Police Department is committed to protecting the community and keeping our citizens and their property safe. The Milpitas Police Department has arrested 20 suspects for incidents associated to residential burglaries or attempted residential burglaries since January 2012 and we continue to deploy added efforts to combating this crime.

The Milpitas Police Department reminds residents to take precautions to reduce the likelihood a burglar will strike. Please follow these crime prevention tips:

- **Always** lock all doors and windows when leaving home-even if only for a short time
- Keep all windows and doors closed and locked even if at home and especially at night
- Keep garage door closed and locked
- Keep side gates locked at all times
- Install and use deadbolt locks on exterior doors
- Install and use a burglar alarm and/or surveillance cameras
- Put an alarm sign in a prominent location in front of the residence
- Install motion activated exterior lighting
- Get to know your neighbors and their associated vehicles
- Join or start a Neighborhood Watch program
- **IMMEDIATELY** report ANY suspicious activities to the Milpitas Police Department
- Dial **911** for crimes in progress and emergencies

When reporting a crime or suspicious activity be prepared to provide Milpitas Dispatchers with the following information: **WHAT, WHEN, WHERE and WHO.**

WHAT is happening? Try to be as calm and specific as possible.

WHAT is needed? Police? Fire Department? Paramedics?

WHEN is it happening? Is it now? How long ago did it occur?

WHERE is it happening? Give the specific address and directions.

WHO is involved? Descriptions of the suspects involved in the suspicious or criminal activity.

Milpitas Police Department relies on the public to report suspicious activities in their neighborhoods, so we can work together in suppressing residential burglaries. Anyone with information regarding incidents or criminal activity occurring in the City of Milpitas is encouraged to call the Milpitas Police Department at (408) 586-2400. Information can also be given anonymously by calling (408) 586-2500, or via the Milpitas Police Department website at http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/government/police/crime_tip.asp

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