



## Residential Burglary

The City of Lafayette Police Department is providing information about a recent incident that occurred within the city. The purpose of this bulletin is to obtain additional information from neighbors about this incident.

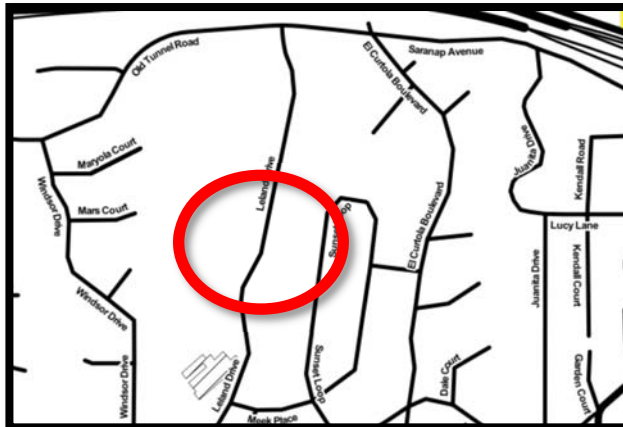
### DR # 16-13537

On Tuesday, 9/27/16 at 12:41 p.m. LPD Officers were dispatched to the 1000 block of Leland Drive for the report of a residential burglary. The resident reported they had arrived home approximately five minutes earlier and found the glass from their rear patio door broken. Upon the arrival of officers, they searched the home and found no suspect(s) within the home. The home had been extensively searched and ransacked by the suspect(s).

As officers and investigators began to collect evidence at the home, they discovered the resident had installed a web camera inside the home. The resident was able to access the camera data, which was stored in a cloud-style storage service. The resident was able to provide a series of still images of the two burglary suspects within the home. From this data, investigators learned the suspects entered the home at 11:06 a.m. and departed the home at 11:17 a.m. The two suspects took various items of electronics and jewelry from the home.

The home was processed by our CSI personnel, who collected additional items of evidence. The video recording was helpful in assisting them in locating evidence from within the home. Investigators canvassed the neighborhood, speaking with residents and attempting to locate exterior surveillance cameras that may have captured an image of the vehicle used by the suspects as they entered or fled the neighborhood.

**Investigation.** The video images recorded by the webcam will be very helpful to LPD Investigators in solving this crime. The webcam provides a specific time when the suspects were in the home and what the suspects looked like. This will be invaluable when the case is solved and prosecuted. With this information, investigators are now working to identify the vehicle that was used by the suspects to commit the crime.



#### Suspect Descriptions

- S1 - African-American Male, 18-24 Yrs., 6-0, 180 lbs.
- S2 - African-American Male, 18-24 Yrs., 5-10, 160 lbs.

**Investigators are asking all neighbors in the area to search their surveillance camera systems for any suspicious vehicles in the area between 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Burglary suspects normally drive through a variety of neighborhoods prior to completing their crime. It is likely these suspects visited neighborhoods near the Leland Drive home.**

**Prevention.** Burglary suspects typically drive through a neighborhood and look for home that appears to be vacant. In this case, there were no cars in the driveway while the home was vacant - an indicator to the suspects that someone may not be at home. It's likely the suspect(s) rang the doorbell and then climbed over a four-foot exterior fence to gain access to the rear yard of the home. Once in the rear yard of the home, the suspects broke out a glass pane from an exterior door - which allowed them to reach inside and unlock the door. The rear glass doors on our homes continue to be the primary entry points for burglars within

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our community. A locked gate provides the best protection from suspects entering the rear yard of your home. A residential burglary alarm is an excellent deterrent to a burglar. To be effective, an alarm has to be activated and armed. The alarm signal may scare the crooks away - but will force the suspect(s) to work faster - getting them out of your home before police arrive. The images provided by a webcam or a doorbell camera are invaluable to our investigators. It provides some excellent clues about who did the crime, aiding our investigators in their work.

**What can you do to make your home less welcoming to a burglar?** When you really want to get rid of bugs, you call an exterminator. This is what they do for a living and they likely know exactly what to do to get rid of the bugs. When you want to reduce your chances of being a victim of a burglary, it may be helpful to talk to someone who has investigated dozens of them - our CSI Technicians. Just give us a call and we will send one of our CSI's out to walk your home with you. We'll help you to recognize how you can make simple changes that will reduce the risk to you and your family. **It's free to our residents.** Just give us a call at the police department and schedule a visit - day and evening appointments are available **(925) 283-3680**.



**E-Mail Alerts.** If you are a resident of the City of Lafayette and are not currently receiving our email alerts, please contact Chief Christensen at [echri@so.cccounty.us](mailto:echri@so.cccounty.us). Provide your name, street address and an email address. We want to make sure that all of our residents are aware of significant incidents and crime trends within our community.

**Nixle Alerts.** Residents who have not yet subscribed are urged to subscribe to our alerting system that we perform through the Nixle Alerting System. For significant incidents and disasters within the community, this is the primary system that will be used to provide our residents with information about incidents such as this one. You can subscribe to Nixle Alerts by visiting the Nixle Website ([www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)) - a free service for our residents.

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Dispatch (Non-Emergency)	(925) 284-5010
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Det Dennison (Investigations)	JDenn@so.cccounty.us
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**PLEASE call us if you see suspicious individuals or vehicles in your business or neighborhood.**

## Good Neighbor Program

We have expanded our Vacation Home Check Program. If you tell us when you are going to be gone from your home, we will do our best to have a member of our team check your home every day and send you a text or an e-mail to let you know we were there and that everything looks fine. We still want you to have that other good neighbor check on your house as well, but having an officer check your home is a good idea. If you are leaving for a trip, please just give us a call at the office to let us know when you are going to be gone and who will be watching the house while you are away. Even if you are already on vacation and forgot to call before you left, we'd love to check on the house to make sure everything is in order. It's a free service we provide to our residents. **Contact the office at (925) 283-3680.**



## Thinking About a Camera?

When it comes to improving the security of your own home or your neighborhood, there are few things that can beat the installation of a home camera system. Cameras today are reasonably priced, don't require a lot of work to install, and can easily be connected to your home Wi-Fi System. We have several camera models at the police department that you can come and borrow for a quick test-drive. We have several different makes and models that you can compare how they work before you buy. The image quality of these cameras is just amazing and can provide some excellent leads in helping us solve your case or the case of a neighbor. Give us a call to find out what cameras are available and to reserve the type you are the most interested in. Please contact the coordinator for this program, Cathy Surges-Moscato by email and she will give you some great advice and set you up with a loaner ([CSurges@ci.lafayette.ca.us](mailto:CSurges@ci.lafayette.ca.us)).

