



Residential Burglary

The City of Lafayette Police Department is providing information about an incident that recently occurred in the city. The purpose of this bulletin is to inform residents about the incident and to obtain information that may assist us in our investigation.

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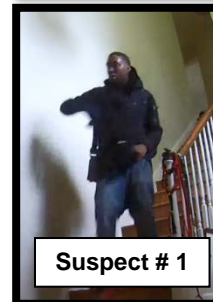
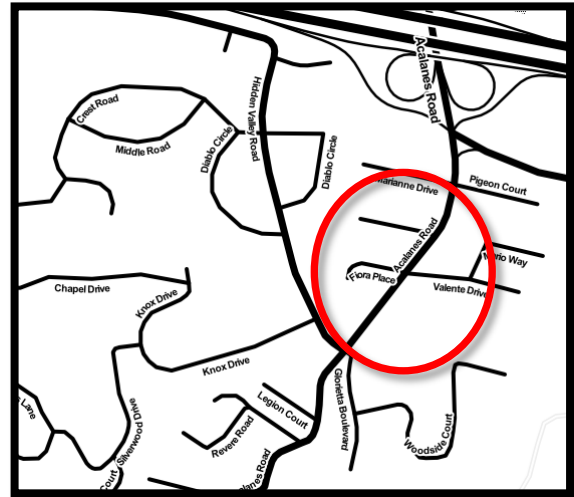
On Tuesday, 5/16/17 at 10:39 a.m. LPD Officers were dispatched to a suspicious circumstance in the 900 block of Acalanes Road. The homeowner reported that his "Nest" camera had detected the sound of glass breaking in the home several minutes prior. When the resident checked the video image from the camera, he saw two individuals inside his home climbing the staircase. The resident did not recognize the individuals and reported that there should be no one inside of the home. LPD Officers responded to the home, arriving minutes later. Upon their arrival, officers found the front door of the home open. A window near the front door was also found to have been broken. Officers checked the interior of the home, finding the interior of the home searched and no suspects inside.

When the resident arrived at the home, officers learned the resident had left the home around 10:20 a.m. The resident had left to do some errands and had secured the home completely before leaving. A quick inventory of the interior of the home was performed and several computers and tablets were found to have been taken by the unknown suspects.

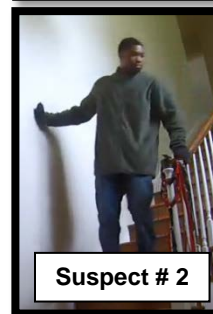
LPD CSI personnel responded to the scene and processed the home for evidence. CSI personnel were able to recover several latent prints from the interior of the home and the glass from the window was taken to determine if the suspects had injured themselves while crawling through the broken window (leaving blood or tissue behind). CSI personnel were also able to collect several DNA samples from the scene.

LPD Investigators responded to the home and began their investigation of the incident. The homeowner was able to provide video images of the suspects as they entered and moved about the home. At one point during the video recording, one of the suspects saw the camera and disabled it. The camera was taken by the suspects. Images from the recordings were then extracted and sent to allied law enforcement agencies to attempt to identify the two suspects. The images clearly identified two suspects within the home. Investigators then canvassed the neighborhood to identify if anyone had cameras that showed the street in front of the home - to identify a vehicle used by the suspects. LPD Investigators also began to review the images captured by neighborhood cameras in the area.

An Orinda Officer then advised that he had responded for a suspicious circumstance report in Orinda approximately an hour prior. A neighbor in Orinda had seen a strange vehicle driving slowly in their neighborhood and reported it to OPD. The neighbor stopped the vehicle and spoke with the two occupants who reported to be "lost" and looking for the freeway. The Orinda resident was contacted by LPD Investigators and the vehicle driven by the two subjects was determined to be a newer Chrysler mini-van. The Orinda resident was shown the video images of the two subjects within the Lafayette home and he confirmed these were the two individuals he had seen in the gray van in front of his home.



Suspect # 1



Suspect # 2



Suspects
#1 - Male, African-American, 20-25 yrs., 170-190 lbs., 5-09/6-0 tall.
#2 - Male, African-American, 20-25 yrs., 170-190 lbs., 5-09/6-0 tall.

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LPD Investigators were then able to locate a vehicle matching the description of the van leaving the neighborhood after the burglary. LPD Investigators were also able to locate images of the suspect vehicle entering the neighborhood, where they likely observed the resident leaving their driveway as they drove into the neighborhood. A registration check of the vehicle identified it as a rental vehicle. The rental agency identified the driver as being from Oakland.

At 6 p.m., LPD Investigators were able to locate the vehicle and question the driver, who was not one of the suspects depicted in the video recording. The driver had lent the vehicle to another individual - that they only knew by a moniker (street name). The vehicle was then transported back to Lafayette to be processed by our CSI personnel. Our CSI personnel located numerous latent prints and a "Nest" camera within the van. This is likely the camera that was taken from the home during the burglary.

LPD Investigators are now working to identify the two suspects who were photographed within the home during the burglary.

Investigation. Investigators are asking for assistance from members of the community who may have seen this gray Chrysler mini-van on Acalanes Road between 10:15 a.m. and 10:35 a.m. Investigators are also looking for residents who may have video surveillance of Acalanes Road during this time frame. Finally, investigators are seeking assistance in identifying the two burglary suspects.

Prevention. This resident was aware of residential burglary prevention measures and had employed many. The resident had a security system within the home to detect intruders and to record images of them. This recording also provided the date and time of the crime - the first piece of information needed by our investigators. The video recording in this case will be key evidence in convicting these individuals as there is little they can do to deny they were in the home at the time of the crime. The video also allows our investigators to see if the suspects were wearing gloves and where they may have touched while inside the home. Because the device recorded to the "cloud", although the suspects disabled the camera, they were not able to destroy the images that had already been recorded. The homeowner intentionally left a vehicle in the driveway in front of the home - to make the burglar believe there was someone at home. The neighbor secured all of their doors prior to leaving the home and allowed the dog to have free reign in the rear yard - deterring subjects from entering the rear yard of the home. In this case, it's likely the suspects entered the neighborhood at the exact moment the resident was leaving their driveway, a chance encounter between the suspects and our neighbor.

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. 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) - a free service for our residents.



Suspect vehicle enters neighborhood and is later processed by LPD CSI's.



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Internet Safety for Families



On **Wednesday, May 24, 2017, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.** at the auditorium of **Lafayette Elementary School**, the Crime Prevention Commission of Lafayette and the Lafayette Police Department will host a forum on internet safety issues for parents. Representatives from the Commission, the FBI, the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office will discuss internet safety concerns specifically relating to children and young adults - a topic that has expanded in importance as children's access to internet-connected devices increases. Parents can learn about strategies and tactics to safeguard their children as they explore the internet and use applications.

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