

**MEDIA RELEASE/COMMUNITY ALERT  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  
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### **HELP SMPD identify two men of interest in auto burglary series**

*The San Mateo Police Department is asking for your help with identifying two men of interest in an auto burglary series that occurred in the early morning hours. One subject wears a distinctive backpack.*

On Saturday, January 19, 2019, between 12:00 -7:30 a.m., thieves targeted the west side of San Mateo to burglarize many cars - both unlocked and locked. SMPD has an open investigation of multiple auto burglaries in the general areas west of Alameda de las Pulgas to Campus Drive and south of 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Hillsdale Blvd. Entries made into these vehicles were made by window smash or possibly the vehicles being left unlocked.

The San Mateo Police Department continues to investigate this series of vehicle burglaries and seeking to capture the suspects pictured below. Anyone with information is urged to contact police immediately.

### **WANTED FOR QUESTIONING**

Both suspects appear to be male, approximately 5'-6" to 5'-8" and slender build. One suspect was wearing a distinctive small shoulder/backpack style bag with reflective panels on the back. The suspects were wearing lighter colored sweatpants, hooded sweatshirts, and what appear to be white tennis shoes.

Please review home surveillance footage at <https://goo.gl/7YnJ7H>.



## **PREVENTION**

As SMPD tackles these investigations, we ask our community to safeguard yourselves with these tips:

**Lock all vehicle doors** - Try setting a reminder alarm on your phone at 9PM.

**Don't leave ANYTHING in your car** - You read that right. Thieves are now searching consoles and glove compartments if they don't see GPS devices, laptops/tablets, or personal bags in plain view.

**Invest in Surveillance** – We are solving more cases thanks to video surveillance. Our officers regularly canvass for available surveillance and you can help us by notifying SMPD of your cameras.

[www.tinyurl.com/SMPDNest](http://www.tinyurl.com/SMPDNest).

## **CONTACT POLICE**

Anyone with information on the identity of the two men pictured below are asked to contact Sgt. Lee Violett at 650-522-7650 or by email at [lviolett@cityofsanmateo.org](mailto:lviolett@cityofsanmateo.org).

Anonymous tips can be submitted to <http://tinyurl.com/SMPDTips> or by calling (650) 522-7676.

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