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MEDIA RELEASE / COMMUNITY ALERT

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COMMUNITY ALERT - Stay Vigilant and Protect Your Homes

San Mateo Police are investigating a rash of garage burglaries where the suspects gained access by using remotes left in the homeowner's vehicle.

San Mateo, CA - In the early morning hours of Sunday and Monday, thieves targeted three homes in and around the Parkside neighborhood east of Highway 101 in San Mateo to burglarize residential garages. The suspects gained access to each garage after burglarizing the homeowner's car parked in the driveway – vehicles were both unlocked and locked. The San Mateo Police Department is actively working this investigation and seeking to capture the suspects pictured below.

We are urging our community to take precautions to protect your property as we actively investigate these crimes to identify and arrest those responsible. SMPD is taking a proactive approach and stepping up high visibility patrol. As SMPD tackles these investigations, we ask our community to safeguard yourselves with the tips below.

TIPS ON SECURING YOUR HOME

- Keep all doors, windows, locked and manually lock your garage.
- Remove all keys and garage remotes from your vehicle.
- Lock your backyard side gates.
- Cut back any landscape. Keep tree canopies over six feet and shrubbery under two feet.
- Invest in a 4k HD (or better) video security system to monitor your home and the street.
- Install an alarm system and place a sign in your front yard. Be sure to install an alarm sensor on your garage door too.
- Consider rescuing a dog – their bark is a great deterrent.

See Something Suspicious, Say Something Specific – YOU are our extra eyes and ears!

Theft occurs within a matter of seconds, therefore if you see a suspicious vehicle or person contact SMPD – trust your instincts.

WANTED FOR QUESTIONING

Please see the images and video links below. The owners of these images have authorized all parties to use.

Video - <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBIFm-z35rnMF36RnBEw7Clfy16bRcgyy>

Photos - <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/msnk256cnrv7vsi/AACeCqIgr3iVTVfw1O6MARiFa?dl=0>

CONTACT POLICE WITH INFORMATION

Anyone with additional information or if you can identify the pictured suspects, please contact San Mateo Police Detective Ed Han at (650) 522-7664 or email him at ehan@cityofsanmateo.org. Anonymous tips can be submitted to <http://tinyurl.com/SMPDTips> or by calling (650) 522-7676.

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