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Press Release

Today's Date: October 24, 2009
Date & Time Occurred: October 17, 2009
Submitted By: Sgt. Denise Quatman
Type of Crime/Incident: Residential Burglary Series
Location: Browns Valley Residential Area
Suspects: Unknown

Narrative:

On October 17, 2009, Officers from the Vacaville Police Department received a report from a resident in the Browns Valley area of Vacaville that a residential burglary had just been interrupted by the homeowner. Officers responded and began conducting a neighborhood canvas. Officers discovered the suspect had been knocking on doors throughout the neighborhood to determine if someone was home. If a resident did not answer, the suspect would then gain entry to the backyard through unlocked side gates and proceed to enter the residence through unlocked or open doors or windows. Several open side gates were located, but the suspect was unable to gain entry to the other residences.

Since October 17, there have been fourteen (14) residential burglaries throughout the Browns Valley area, which have occurred on various days of the week. The burglaries are primarily occurring between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon. The primary suspect is described as a Hispanic or white male adult, between the age of 18 and 25 years. He appears to have a thin build and is described as being approximately 5'5" tall. The suspect has continued to knock on doors of residences and then proceeds to the backyard through unlocked side gates. He is entering the residences through unlocked windows and doors, in order to steal property that is easy to carry and hide on his person.

The Vacaville Police Department is seeking assistance from the community in locating this suspect. If you encounter an unknown subject knocking on your door or see a subject matching the description of the suspect in this case, call (707)449-5200 as soon as possible. Our Department is deploying additional patrol resources to these neighborhoods in an effort to find the suspect. Community members can also take measures that can reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim. Try to avoid leaving the doors and windows unlocked while sleeping or away from your residence. You can also add an additional layer of protection by applying locking devices to your backyard access gates.