



PRESS RELEASE

- I. DATE OF PRESS RELEASE: October 10, 2011**
- II. ANNOUNCEMENT: Residential Burglar Apprehended**
- III. FACTUAL INFORMATION:**

On October 7, 2011, at about 10:00 a.m. officers from the Livermore Police Department responded to a citizen request for aid in the 5400 block of Kathy Way. The citizen called 911 in response to seeing a person in her back yard and then hearing the sounds of someone forcing entry into her home.

Officers responded and established a perimeter around the victim's residence. A team of officers then entered the residence to assist the victim, who had locked herself in an upstairs bedroom. As officers entered through a rear door, the suspect fled out the front door carrying property belonging to the victim. The suspect feigned surrender when confronted by officers, but ultimately fled on foot. He was apprehended by officers a short distance away on Norma Way. The suspect was identified as Brian Hayes of Castro Valley.

Post investigation results provided information that Hayes had been in the neighborhood a few days prior. He was reportedly knocking on doors and asking for, "Richard." It is believed that Hayes was using the same, "door checking" technique reported in a previous press release on September 28th. A review of that information is listed below:

A known trend of, "door checking" is being utilized in many of the residential and automobile burglaries in our city. This trend simply involves a suspect, "checking" to see if your door is locked. This technique is used during the day and at night and often involves a quick grab of items left in plain view (automobiles). In terms of residences, suspects will often knock on the door and if no one answers they will, "check" the knob. Again, the suspects use a quick grab technique and often flee with only the valuables they can carry. Either method can be accomplished in less than a minute.

Please use the following tips in order to ensure you are not a victim of burglary:

Vehicles:

- Secure (lock) your vehicle always!
- Remove laptops, GPS, purses and other valuables from plain view.
- Park your vehicle in a well lit area.
- Use a car alarm.

Residential:

- Always secure your doors and windows!
- Use residential lighting and motion detectors to your advantage.

- Remove shrubbery that obscures the view of your doors and windows.
- Residential Alarm systems.
- Neighborhood Watch Program

Another way to help increase neighborhood security is through a neighborhood watch program. The program is established with the assistance of police department personnel and forms a long lasting and beneficial partnership with the department. The neighborhood watch program helps to ensure a sense of community and will help you increase awareness. Contact the Livermore Police Department Crime Prevention Office at (925) 371-4978 if you have further questions about the neighborhood watch program.

The Livermore Police Department would like citizens to remain vigilant of their surroundings. We ask that you contact the police department if you see suspicious persons or activities in your neighborhood (non-emergency (925) 371-4987 / Emergency 911).

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