



HALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

CRIME PREVENTION UNIT



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ALERT

DATE: April 28, 2009
TO: Neighborhood Watch Liaisons
FROM: Deputy Stephen Wilbanks
SUBJECT: Burglary Arrest
DISTRIBUTION: All Neighborhood Watch members

On 04-28-09, a Hispanic male juvenile was arrested as a suspect in multiple burglaries in East Hall. The arrest came after information was developed from a tip given by an observant citizen. Specifically, after numerous burglaries in the area and a suspicious vehicle description being noted, an alert resident spotted the vehicle and suspect, recorded the tag number and notified the Sheriff's Office. Follow-up work by Deputies assigned to a crime suppression detail led to the identification and arrest. The suspect's method was as follows: the juvenile was dropped off on a street to be sent door-to-door, knocking at each. If anyone answered, he asked to use a phone because his vehicle ran out of gas (he was actually calling his original ride to pick him up because he assumed they were "made" at that point). If he received no reply, he kicked in the front door and called his ride back to the residence. Items taken were flat-screen TV sets, electronics and other high-value items.

LESSONS LEARNED:

- 1) Once again, we see more felony grade criminal activity by juveniles. Take nothing for granted; be suspicious of anyone at your door, whether they look like the kid next door or a freshly released felon.**
- 2) Record and report all suspicious activity. Alert citizens played a key part in this case.**
- 3) Records the serial #'s of all valuable items, and/or inscribe a permanent identifier in a hidden location. Many property items were recovered as a result of this arrest. Some may not be reclaimed due to lack of identifying numbers.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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