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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

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TO: Neighborhood Watch Liaisons
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Today we saw a perfect example of a successful neighborhood watch in action. Here's the short version:

(3) Subjects fled a retail establishment on foot after a suspected shoplifting incident with a Deputy in pursuit. I happened to be nearby and also responded, and I knew from their direction of travel that they were headed toward a Neighborhood Watch subdivision. I called the liaison and notified them of the situation and to be on the lookout for the suspects. She in turn spread the word to other neighbors. A short time after the initial search was canceled, a neighbor observed the suspects returning home and called in the information. Deputies went back out to the neighborhood and (1) arrest was made. The other two suspects turned out to be juveniles and were released to adults.

This situation perfectly underscores how we want our Neighborhood Watch programs to operate, and is proof positive that the concept works. Good work and congratulations to the Hanover Place Neighborhood Watch.

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