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# NEWS RELEASE

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Subject: **EAST ANAHEIM BURGLARY SUSPECTS ARRESTED**

Recently, residents and police have seen an increase in vehicle & residential burglaries in Anaheim Hills. The Anaheim Police Department is aware that 27 vehicles were burglarized in that area during the month of January, as compared to 9 vehicle burglaries in January of the previous year.

The Anaheim Police Department has been working with the community in addressing this crime increase. In the last few weeks, the Anaheim Police Department has arrested 5 individuals for their involvement in burglaries from this area. Police have also recovered property, returning it to its rightful owners.

On Friday morning, February 6, 2009 at 4:00am, Anaheim Police arrested two males for a burglary committed in the area of Avenita Margarita and Smokeridge Terrace. Patrol officers conducting patrols of the area observed a suspicious vehicle. A car stop was made and officers discovered that the vehicle was stolen from the city of Los Angeles. The suspects were found to be in possession of stolen property, taken from a burglary in the 300 block of Avenida Margarita. They also discovered other stolen property, screwdrivers, flashlights and gloves in the vehicle. The two occupants of the vehicle were arrested. Taken into custody were an 18 year-old male resident of Sunland, and a 16 year-old male juvenile from Anaheim. As part of this investigation, detectives arrested a 18-year-old North Hollywood man later that day for being in possession of burglary tools.

On Thursday, February 5, 2008, burglary detectives arrested an 18 year-old female for burglary. Formerly of Anaheim, she is now a resident of Apple Valley. As a result of an investigation into recent burglaries, detectives determined that this woman was responsible for at least one residential burglary in east Anaheim, and in a series of burglaries in northeast Orange.

On January 28, 2009, burglary detectives arrested a 34 year-old male Riverside resident. The subject is suspected of burglarizing at least one home in this area on October 22, 2008. As a result of this investigation, detectives recovered a stolen laptop and returned it to the rightful owner.

In addition to the Anaheim arrests, a neighboring law enforcement agency arrested two males for committing a vehicle burglary in their city this week. Police believe these two men may be responsible for a series of vehicle burglaries in Anaheim Hills. Anaheim detectives are currently working closely with that police agency to tie these men to the crimes and recover property.

The Anaheim Police Department commends the residents of this area for reporting these crimes; working with police to identify suspects and trends; sharing information with their friends and neighbors through the use of the internet which we believe has resulted in preventing future crimes.

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## COMMUNITY MEETING

Area residents are encouraged to attend a **community meeting** on **Thursday, February 19, 2009** at **Running Springs Elementary School** in east Anaheim. The meeting begins at **7:00 PM**.

*Residents are encouraged to visit [www.anaheim / police](http://www.anaheim/police) - community information for additional info.*

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The below listed data shows that overall, vehicle burglaries has slightly decreased in this area, when compared to a 4 month period of 2007/2008 and 2008/2009. The following data is provided on vehicle and residential burglaries that have occurred in residential areas ***south of the Riverside (91) freeway between the 241 toll road the 55 freeway.***

### VEHICLE BURGLARIES

(in residential areas)

<u>Month</u>	<u>2007/2008</u>	<u>2008/2009</u>	
October	20	11	
November	29	2	
December	14	12	
January	9	27	
	<u>72</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>

### RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

<u>Month</u>	<u>2007/2008</u>	<u>2008/2009</u>	
October	20	9	
November	7	7	
December	7	6	
January	4	11	
	<u>38</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>

