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CRIME ALERT- WINDSOR SQUARE

TO: CLIENTS OF SSA SECURITY PATROL/RESPONSE

SUBJECT:

ATTEMPT BURGLARY

LOCATION:

100 BLOCK OF N PLYMOUTH

DATE & TIME: AUGUST 22, 2022 APPROXIMATELY 11:00AM

This Alert is being provided to SSA subscribers to keep you aware of criminal activity and arrest that occurred in your area.

Our SSA Officer received a call, on 08/23/22, from a client in the 100 block of N Plymouth at approximately 8:50am. The client stated that two persons attempted to enter a home in the 100 block of N Plymouth on 08-22-22 at approximately 11:30am.

The client then explained the details.

The incident/crime was reported to LAPD Officers at LAPD Olympic Station for attempt burglary.

Details from the client:

"At approximately 11:00 am today the victim was walking into the living area and was met with two intruders in her back patio. They were two tall slender men, dressed in black with black masks, caps and backpacks. She yelled out "police", they apologized saying "sorry, sorry", and ran away. She is doing okay but of course shaken. Her sister tried to report it but was on hold for 1/2 hour with LAPD"

Suspects

Two males

#1 wearing black tight fitting pants, a multi-colored (mostly blue/white) jacket and a white floppy hat and face mask

#2 wearing all black with a black hoodie and black knit hat and light blue face mask.

In the videos, the two suspects can be seen entering the property and had access to the home's interior via the screened in patio at the rear of the home. Once the occupant observed the suspects and yelled out "police", both suspects fled the rear property and south on Plymouth and were seen on other neighbor's cameras (fixed and/or ring devices)

Shortly after the suspects left the home and were seen south on Plymouth, toward 1st Street, a black minivan was seen also driving south on Plymouth toward 1st Street. **It is unknown if the van had anything to do with the suspects**; however, past burglaries have shown there is a get-a-way car near-by.

PHOTO FROM CAMERA DURING ENTRY ATTEMPT



As a note: Burglaries are on the rise in Windsor Square, Hancock Park, Brookside, La Brea Hancock and Larchmont Village. Possibly, this may be the two persons responsible.

SSA clients: Because of this incident, the following suggestions on how to reduce their odds of being victimized for Home Burglaries.

HOME BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS

General Tips

- During the periods that you are home, continue to shut and lock your doors and windows unless they are under constant surveillance.
- Make your home look occupied, and make it difficult to break in.
- Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed. Even if it is for a short time - lock your doors.
- Keep entry gates (sides and driveway) shut and locked.
- Leave lights on when you go out. If you are going to be away for a length of time, connect some lamps to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day.
- Keep your garage door closed and locked.
- Do not allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers, or flyers build up while you are away.
 Arrange with the Post Office to hold your mail, or arrange for a friend or neighbor to pick up items regularly (you can always ask our patrol officers to pick your mail, packages, etc.).
- Arrange for your lawn to be mowed if you are going away for an extended time.
- Check your locks on doors and windows and replace them with secure devices as necessary.
- Pushbutton locks on doorknobs are easy for burglars to open. Install deadbolt locks on all your outside doors.
- Sliding glass doors are vulnerable. Special locks are available for better security.
- Windows may need better locks. Check with a locksmith or hardware store for alternatives.

Do not tempt a Thief:

- Lawn mowers, barbecues, and bicycles are best stored out of sight.
- Always lock your garden sheds and garages.
- Use curtains on garage and basement windows.
- Never leave notes on your door such as "Gone shopping."

Locks...Do not "skimp" on them:

- No lock, regardless of its quality, can be truly effective. Key-in dead bolt locks provide minimum security. Ask a locksmith for advice on your situation.
- Change locks immediately if your keys are lost or stolen.
- When moving into a new home, have all locks changed.
- Padlocks should be cut resistant

Targeting the Outside:

- Have adequate exterior lighting. A motion-sensitive light is recommended for backyards.
- Trim trees and shrubs so that they cannot be used as hiding places for intruders.
- Make sure your door hinges are on the inside.
- Make sure your side gates and/or entry gate is locked.
- Make sure your side gates and walls are difficult to scale.
- Do not store ladders in the yard, keep them locked up in the garage.

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Windows:

- Most windows can be pinned for security.
- Drill a 3/16" hole on a slight downward slant through the inside window frame and halfway into the outside frame place a nail in the hole to secure the window.

If you have a home alarm system, use it.

- Activate your alarm system.
 - o Alarm systems are only useful when you remember to activate them.
 - Activate the system whenever the home is vacant, even if you leave for a few minutes
 - If you have a lot of glass consider glass break detectors as an early warning of intruders
 - Many individuals have alarm systems but do not arm them because it is inconvenient

IF YOU OBSERVE A SUSPECTED BURGLAR OR OTHER CRIME OR ANY SUSPICIOUS PERSONS:

- Obtain a description of the suspect's physical appearance, actions and any vehicle descriptions, including license plate numbers.
- <u>DO NOT</u> confront suspicious individuals. <u>THAT IS WHAT LAPD AND SSA ARE FOR.</u>

Stay Safe,

The Staff SSA Security Group, Inc.