

Residential Burglary Suspect Arrested

On Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at approximately 0735 hours (7:35 AM), the San Marino Police Department received a 911 call from a resident who returned to his home only to find three suspects burglarizing the residence. This occurred at the 2200 block of Brentford Road. The resident had been away from the location overnight, since the house was completely enclosed by a tarp after being treated by exterminators. When the resident parked his vehicle in the driveway, he noticed two other vehicles at the location, a white colored Acura and a silver colored Honda. When the resident approached the front door, three suspects ran out of the house. Two of the suspects then jumped into the Acura and quickly drove from the scene. The third suspect ran from the residence. The resident then called the San Marino Police Department, and requested officers respond to the location.

Officers were promptly dispatched to the area, and received immediate aerial support from the Pasadena Police Department's Foothill Area Support Team, which dispatched a helicopter crew to the location. The officers searched the grounds, but were unable to directly enter the house due to the toxic chemicals used by the extermination company.

Minutes later, an officer detained the suspect who ran from the location. While questioning the suspect, the officer determined that he was in possession of burglary tools and verified his involvement with the burglary. The suspect, Todd Tadashi Murakami, a 39 year old resident of Temple City, was arrested for a violation of California Penal Code 459 Residential Burglary. He was subsequently booked into the Alhambra City Jail and is being held on \$20,000 bail.

The extermination company responded to the location and removed the tarp allowing the chemicals to dissipate from the house. The San Marino Fire Department also responded to the location, and provided the officers with protective equipment, including breathing devices, which allowed them to safely search the residence for other suspects. No other intruders were located at the scene. It was also determined that the Honda was a reported stolen vehicle from the city of Sierra Madre.

The investigation into the burglary is continuing, and residents who may have information regarding the incident are asked to call the San Marino Police Department at (626) 300-0720.

The San Marino Police Department web-page has been updated. Please visit us at <http://www.ci.san-marino.ca.us/smpd/index.htm>

Chief John Schaefer will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting at the Crowell Public Library on Tuesday night, March 24, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. Please join us.