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### Residential Break-In Incident Prompts Safety Reminder

**San Mateo County, CA** – In response to a recent residential break-in incident, the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office is asking residents to remain vigilant and take measures to enhance their home security. The incident, which occurred on Friday, September 15, 2023, at approximately 9:08 PM, on Los Vientos Way, in the City of San Carlos, involved three suspects who attempted to break into a residence via a glass slider. While the homeowners successfully scared off the intruders, it is crucial to prioritize safety and security in our homes.

In the recent incident, the suspects were captured on a home camera, and their descriptions included wearing masks, hooded sweatshirts, gloves, and speaking Spanish. They fled in a black SUV, possibly a BMW or Mercedes.

Furthermore, we strongly suspect a connection between these suspects and a string of burglaries in West Selby, Atherton, and Redwood City, given the striking similarities in timing and the use of a similar vehicle.

Residents are encouraged to implement these safety tips to protect their homes and ensure the safety of their families. Cooperation and vigilance within the community play a significant role in deterring criminal activity. Safety Recommendations:

- **Enhance Home Security:** Strengthen security measures on all entry points, including doors and windows. Consider robust locks, particularly for sliders and windows.
- **Install Home Security Systems:** Invest in comprehensive home security systems equipped with cameras and alarms to act as a deterrent to potential intruders.



- **Illuminate Outdoor Areas:** Adequate outdoor lighting can discourage burglars. Motion-activated lights are an effective addition to your home's security.
- **Community Watch:** Foster strong relationships with neighbors and explore the establishment or participation in a neighborhood watch program.
- **Secure Valuables:** Safeguard valuable items, crucial documents, and firearms by utilizing secure safes or lockable cabinets.
- **Report Suspicious Activity:** Promptly alert local law enforcement if you observe any suspicious activity in your neighborhood.
- **Preserve Evidence:** Regularly review and securely store security camera footage, which can serve as vital evidence in investigations.

The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office is unwavering in its commitment to ensuring the safety and security of the community. Individuals having any information related to these incidents are strongly encouraged to contact the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office at 650.363.4911.

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