



## PRESS RELEASE

Pursuant to CA Gov't. Code Sect. 6254(f)  
San Jose Police Department  
Press Information Office  
201 W. Mission Street, San Jose, CA 95110  
Phone (408) 277-5339 / Fax (408) 286-0923

---

### MEDIA ADVISORY

#### **Residential Burglaries**

Over several months a number of similar type burglaries have occurred throughout the Bay Area including western and southern San Jose. There have been over 25 reported incidents in the City of San Jose over the last eight months and eight in the last week. The suspects are believed responsible for over 100 similar burglaries throughout the Bay Area. The San Jose Police Department Burglary Unit is investigating several reports of suspects, impersonating Water District employees, who contact **elderly senior citizens** at their homes. The suspects say they are with the water district or some other construction / utility company doing work in the area due to problems with the water lines.

The suspect says he needs to test the water. Typically, the suspect will ask the victim to perform some task in one part of the house or yard while the suspect or a partner goes to other parts of the house and burglarizes the home. The suspect leaves the residence after taking money, jewelry, passports, guns, or other small items.

Citizens should not allow any unscheduled visitor, repairman or "company employee" of any type into their homes. Citizens should call "9-1-1" **immediately** for any suspicious person, vehicle or activity in your neighborhood.

**Suspect(s) Description:** Several suspects appear to be committing the burglaries. They are usually male, 30-35 years old, 5'-10" to 6' tall, short brown hair, facial hair with olive complexions. On occasion, the suspects wear orange work vests and hard hats. One suspect has been described as in his mid 40's to mid 50's, with a round face and heavy build.

**Associated Vehicles:** Cargo type white van, or utility type work trucks with unknown writing on the sides.

Anyone with information on this case is urged to call Detective Bob Froese at the San Jose Police Department Burglary Unit at (408) 277-4401. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at 408-947-STOP.

BY: Ofc. Jermaine Thomas #3522  
DATE: 5-31-07 TIME: 08:00AM

AUTHORIZED BY: Lt. K. Tanaka  
DATE: 5-31-07 TIME: 08:00AM

PRESS OFFICER BRIEFED BY UNIT COMMANDER (CIRCLE) **YES** NO