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**Lafayette Police Investigate
Home Invasion Robbery**

LAFAYETTE, CALIF., Nov. 27, 2019—On Tuesday, November 26, 2019, at about 11:00 p.m., Lafayette Police Officers were dispatched to a report of a home invasion robbery that happened on the 1100 block of Crestmont Drive in Lafayette. The incident involved three suspects who were armed with a pistol. The suspects entered the residence through an open garage door.

The suspects assaulted a male resident and then restrained both residents. The suspects went through the house, stealing valuables and personal items. When the suspects left the home, they left both residents still restrained. It took the residents several hours before they were able to get free and call 9-1-1. The residents said that the suspects entered the home around 7:30 p.m. Both victims suffered minor injuries and were transported to a local hospital.

Lafayette Police Investigations and the Sheriff's Office Crime Lab responded, and the investigation is ongoing. Anyone with any information on this case is asked to contact the Lafayette Police Department at (925) 283-3680 or (925) 299-3234. For any tips, email: 94549TIP@gmail.com or call (866) 846-3592 to leave an anonymous voice message.

The Lafayette Police Department reminds everyone that home security is important to help deter and/or solve residential crimes in our community. Here are a number of security measures recommended by Lafayette Police Chief Ben Alldritt that you may wish to consider for your home:

Cameras – There are many options for home surveillance and vary in cost. One of the least expensive and easiest to install options is a doorbell camera that is motion activated. RING and NEST doorbell cameras are two brand examples, but there are several options.

We would encourage residents to consider additional surveillance cameras for their homes. Having cameras that cover the front and rear of your home are a good start. Many residential alarm companies, along with other security vendors, offer home surveillance cameras. If you are so inclined, there are several quality systems sold that you can install yourself.

Motion Activated Lights – These are an excellent option to the front and rear of your home. Criminals do not want to be seen, and a light turning on as they walk up to the front of your home is a great deterrent.

Home Alarm Systems – Alarm systems are great for when you are away from your home but can be equally valuable for when you are home. Depending on your comfort level, consider setting your alarm when you are

home, especially at bedtime. It is something I do at my own home so that I can be forewarned if a criminal is able to make entry through a door or window.

Securing Your Home's Access Points – Lock your side gates, do not leave your garage door open and unattended, shut and lock windows when you are not in that area of the house, and always keep all entry doors locked.

Be Proactive – It is your home, your property. If someone knocks on your door or comes onto your property and you do not know them or are expecting them, you do not need to open your door to them. If someone knocks, you don't have to answer. That being said, if they knock and you don't answer, make sure you see them leave the property. Some thieves will take that as a sign no one is home and will then look for an entry point into the house.

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