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NEIGHBOR'S REPORT OF SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY LEADS TO BURGLARY ARRESTS

RIVERSIDE, CA – On Friday, February 26, 2016, at about 10:30 a.m., a resident in the 19000 block of Krameria Avenue in the Orangecrest neighborhood noticed an older Honda sub-compact car parked to the front of his neighbor's house. He saw three men exit the vehicle and enter the backyard of the neighbor's residence. The vehicle and men were not familiar to the resident, so he called the Riverside Police Department and reported the suspicious activity. While on the phone with a Riverside Police dispatcher, the resident reported seeing the three men appear to be concealing items underneath their shirts and acting suspiciously.

RPD Dispatch immediately broadcast the call as a residential burglary in-progress and it was overheard by the Riverside County Sheriff's Air Support Unit (Star-9) who happened to be flying in the county area nearby. Star-9 arrived on scene and broadcast they had observed three men running to the suspect vehicle and were now fleeing the scene in the vehicle, southbound towards the county. RPD police officers also quickly arrived in the area and were directed in behind the suspect vehicle by Star-9. The RPD



officers gave chase for a brief period of time until the three men and driver abandoned the suspect vehicle in the county area near Glenwood Avenue and Wood Road. The Riverside Police Air Support Unit (Air-1) arrived on scene to relieve RSO's Star-9 and assist with setting up a perimeter of the area. A field search led by RPD quickly resulted in the apprehension of three suspects who had attempted to conceal themselves in the brush of a nearby creek bed. A RPD K-9 team arrived on scene and with the assistance of RSO deputies on the perimeter, conducted an extensive field search. However, the fourth man suspected to be the "get-away" driver managed to evade arrest.

The investigation has revealed several boxes of live ammunition, a small caliber handgun, jewelry and an electronic device had been stolen during the residential burglary, but all items were recovered at the scene of the arrests and later returned to the victim.

Caleb Goins, 19-year-old male of Moreno Valley, Brandon McLaughlin, 18-year-old male of Moreno Valley, and a juvenile male were arrested for residential burglary, possession of stolen property, weapons violations and obstructing police. The two adults were booked into the Riverside County Jail and the juvenile was released to a family member.

According to Watch Commander Lieutenant Dan Hoxmeier, "This is a great example of what it means to be a good neighbor. What began as a community member looking out for his neighbor's property has resulted in the arrests of three people for breaking into and stealing a weapon and ammunition that could have presented an additional threat to the community while in the hands of these burglars. We at the Riverside Police Department are grateful to both the neighbor who recognized the suspicious circumstances and cared enough to provide the police with the information in a timely manner, and also to the Riverside County Sheriff's Helicopter crew who responded to assist and provided the initial air support critical in making these arrests."

If anyone has additional information regarding this burglary, please contact Detective M. Lackey at (951) 826-5376. To learn more about Neighborhood Watch in your community, please contact Police Service Representative Lashon Halley at (951) 826-5297 or lhalley@riversideca.gov.

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