



TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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UPDATE

Residential Burglary 2013-20004

On 11-05-13 at 7:05 pm Paradise Valley Police Officers responded to a residential burglary report in the 6000 block of N. 38th Place. The victim stated between 3 pm and 7 pm unknown suspect(s) had entered the home and ransacked several suitcases that had been stored in a closet. There were no signs of forced entry and there is no known loss at this time. This victim's residence is also currently undergoing remodel.

After a thorough canvass of the neighborhood patrol officers identified the suspect as a developmentally disabled juvenile. There was no loss or damage sustained by the victim, and the victim declined prosecution. Detectives do not believe this case is related to the other remodel/construction burglaries we have had lately.

Many of our recent burglaries have been to vacant homes or homes where construction activity is taking place. Please be sure to let your neighbors know if you are going to be away, and ask them to call the police department dispatch at 480-948-7410 if they see suspicious activity. Remember to put a hold on your mail, and cancel all newspapers or deliveries. If your home is vacant you should file a Vacation Watch request with the police department. This can be done in person at the police department 6433 E. Lincoln Drive, or online on our new website at: www.paradisevalleypd.com. Use the "About Us" link at the top of the page, and select "Online Forms" from the dropdown menu. Always lock your doors and windows when you are away and set your alarm.

Before having work done on your home check prospective contractors through the Better Business Bureau www.bbb.org and the Registrar of Contractors www.azroc.gov. If you are having service people working on your home make sure you are provided a complete list by your contractor of everyone who has had access to your home in case you later discover items missing. It is also a good idea to ask your contractor if they complete background checks on employees who will have unsupervised access to your home.