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**Subject :** Burglaries Thwarted by Alarms, Alert Neighbors**Contact :** Agent Dan Ryan, Palo Alto Police Department 408-406-1330  
Anonymous Tip Line, Palo Alto Police Department 650-329-2190**Palo Alto, CA** - Police responded to four attempted burglaries on Sunday, February 8, between 1:50 p.m. and 2:00 a.m.

The first was at a residential construction site in the 700 block of Seale Avenue. An alert neighbor saw a couple climb over a locked fence and try to open a side door to the home, which is currently being remodeled. She first called the owner, and then called police who arrived just moments after the couple drove away in a newer, dark blue sedan. The white male was described as 18-25 years old, 5'9" tall and weighing 175 pounds. The white female was aged 18-25, with no further description given. Police conducted an area check but did not locate the suspects.

Later, officers responded to an alarm sounding at 9:50 p.m. in the 3200 block of Ash Street. Someone had smashed a window and then fled when the alarm sounded at a commercial building.

At 11:30 p.m., a vehicle alarm sounded in the 3800 block of Park Boulevard. A window had been smashed but the thief(s) ran when the alarm sounded, leaving behind the GPS device, which had been left in plain view.

Finally, just before 2:00 a.m., officers were called to the 400 block of College where a second vehicle had its window smashed. Again, the alarm apparently scared away the burglars. Nothing was missing from the vehicle.

Police remind citizens to remember to lock their doors and to set their alarms, as this is the best prevention for these types of crimes. Additionally, expensive items, including electronics, should be hidden from view if left in the vehicle. Finally, networking with neighbors, looking out for suspicious activity and quickly reporting these incidents is critical in assisting the police to capture of these criminals.

Police ask that anyone with any information about any of these incidents call our anonymous tip line at 650-329-2190.

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