



# Paradise Valley Police Department **CRIME PREVENTION BULLETIN**

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*The Paradise Valley Police Department is providing this bulletin to keep residents informed on joint successes collaborating with our community.*

## Case Report

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### OUR MISSION:

*Provide high-quality police services to our community, reduce crime and the fear of crime, and by working with all citizens, to preserve life, protect property, promote individual responsibility and encourage community involvement.*

### Questions?

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## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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Alert neighbors and technology are a combination that goes a long way toward making neighborhoods safer. Just ask the folks who live in one neighborhood along N. Tatum Blvd.

The neighborhood, nestled up against the Tatum Mountain Preserve behind Paradise Valley Fire Station 91, was hit with a string of daytime home burglaries this spring and early summer. Quick-thinking, alert neighbors teamed up

with each other and law enforcement in Paradise Valley, Phoenix and Scottsdale to share information that led to the arrest of



two suspects connected to four separate incidents within the Town of Paradise Valley and several others valley wide. What was the magic formula? “Neighbors helping neighbors—they were alert, shared information, and they worked closely with their police departments,” said Chief of Police Peter Wingert. Neighbors in Tatum Mountain Estates are part of a Block Watch group that spreads the

news about neighborhood happenings. Unfortunately, those happenings this spring involved several home burglaries. The neighbors shared video footage from their home security cameras that clearly showed the face and identifying tattoos of a man who rang doorbells of homes just before they were burglarized. The man was later seen in the...  
...neighborhood solicitation  
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iting pool service business, and neighbors recognized him from the video images shared through an email from other neighbors.

Through alert thinking, one woman pretended to be interested in the pool service and by doing so, she obtained the suspect’s cell phone number and shared it with police. Paradise Valley Police then had additional evidence working with Phoenix and Scottsdale Police Departments to find the man and match video evidence with other evidence from different scenes. The suspect was arrested with several felony charges filed to the Maricopa

County Superior Court. His crime spree affecting our neighbors came to a swift halt.

“Video surveillance provides excellent information for law enforcement,” said Community Resource Officer Steven McGhee. “Video is time and date stamped, and when it is properly placed on the property, it gives us a detailed image of suspects who may be involved in criminal activity. Recent innovations have made it very cost-effective and easy to install, and even nighttime images are clear enough to provide useful evidence.”

Neighbors in the area that were targeted by the burglar were so impressed by their successful use

of video surveillance that they have pooled donations to purchase a system that records vehicles as they come in and out of the neighborhood.

“We got lucky last time, and happened to have video of the suspect. As a result of that, we decided to be proactive, and install a system that can be accessed any time we have a problem—law enforcement can review footage of all vehicles that came in and out during a specific time period, and this will aid in solving any future crimes,” said a resident. “Our goal is a safe neighborhood, and we can achieve that by knowing one another, using technology, and working with our police departments.”



Residents can use Report It to create a property inventory list. Take pictures, attach receipts, list serial /model numbers with item values onto a secure off-site location for emergencies.

Police are then assisted in recovering your property in the case it is lost or stolen. This service allows police to search pawn shops and police property & evidence rooms nationally.



Nextdoor is a private social media platform that allows neighbors to share information online.

- ⇒ Suspicious activity
- ⇒ Share videos/photographs
- ⇒ Locate a lost pet
- ⇒ Identify criminal trends
- ⇒ Neighbors helping neighbors

Police communicate with the community using online posts.



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