

## COMMUNITY ALERT NOTIFICATION

## LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## <u>AREA SAFETY BULLETIN</u>

Due to an increase in violent street robberies, Robbery-Homicide Division has become aware of an ongoing crime trend of follow-home robberies. Suspects have been locating victims in Los Angeles, following them, and then committing the robberies as the victim arrives home or at their business.

Victims have been followed from such places like Melrose Avenue, the Jewelry District of Los Angeles, nightclubs, and high-end restaurants in Los Angeles. The target of these robberies has been expensive jewelry, including watches and necklaces, as well as expensive purses. Victims have also been targeted based on the type of vehicle they are driving.

These crimes have occurred throughout the City of Los Angeles as well as neighboring cities. Different suspects have been identified and arrested for these types of crimes.

The following are recommendations for community members:

- Be aware of one's surroundings for anything unusual or out of the ordinary before exiting your car, walking out of a restaurant, stores, malls or clubs.
- Be cautious of displaying high value property in public such as: purses, watches, and jewelry.
- Record and report suspicious activity to the police (write down suspicious suspect/vehicle descriptions).
- If you are driving and believe you are being followed, dial 911. If possible, drive to the nearest police station.
- If you are being robbed, do not resist the robbery suspects; cooperate and comply with their demands. Be a good witness.
- After a robbery, immediately call the police department by dialing 911. Immediately write down everything you can remember about the crime, suspects and suspect vehicle.
- Do not chase or follow the robbery suspect out of your place of business or home. Leave the job of catching the suspects to the police.

CONTACT INFO: ROBBERY-HOMICIDE DIVISION, ROBBERY SPECIAL SECTION AT (213) 486-6840 AFTER HOURS: CONTACT RHD ON CALL LT VIA THE DEPT OPERATIONS CENTER (DOC) AT (213) 484-6700

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