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#### **EDMONDS POLICE ARREST A BURGLAR AND RECOVERY STOLEN PROPERTY**

On January 27, 2012, Edmonds Police began an investigation of a residential burglary that occurred in the 1200 block of Coronado Place. While the homeowners were away, entry was made to their home through a rear window, which had been forced open with a tool. Once inside the residence, the unknown burglar stole thousands of dollars' worth of personal property including gold, silver, valuable jewelry, as well as two handguns.

During the course of a follow-up investigation conducted by Edmonds Police detectives, a tip was received from a citizen regarding a suspicious individual. Although the individual had no obvious connection to the burglary being investigated, detectives acted on the citizen's tip in order to determine the man's identity and his place of residency. Further investigation led to the discovery that this 36-year old Edmonds man had a recent history of selling valuable jewelry. When detectives were able to locate a few pieces of gold jewelry that had been sold by this individual to a Seattle business, they photographed those items and showed the pictures to the Edmonds victims. The victims immediately identified particular pieces from the photographs as items belonging to them. The suspicious individual brought to police attention only by a citizen's tip suddenly became a suspected burglar.

With the developing information, detectives were able to obtain a search warrant for the suspect's residence to seek items stolen during the burglary. On February 17, 2012, Edmonds detectives served that search warrant and located property not only stolen during the Edmonds burglary but also many valuable items stolen during a burglary that had occurred in a neighboring city. They also located unique tools amongst the suspect's possessions that were used to make entry during the residential burglaries.

After detectives completed their search and itemized the stolen items found at the suspect's residence, it was determined that they recovered over \$100,000 worth of property taken during the burglaries, including the two handguns! Furthermore, the 36-year old suspect was arrested for the crimes of Residential Burglary, Possession of Stolen Property, Possession of Burglary Tools, and Trafficking in Stolen Property.

The investigation continues.

The Edmonds Police Department reminds citizens to remain attentive to possible criminal activity in their neighborhoods. If something or someone seems suspicious, call 911 to report your observations. This is critically important if the activity is in progress.

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