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PRESS RELEASE

DATE / TIME OF RELEASE: 08-12-11, 8:00AM **CRIME:** Burglary

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DATE / TIME OCCURRED: 08-10-11, 7:30AM

LOCATION: 900 block of Victoria Ave, San Leandro, Ca

INVESTIGATING DETECTIVE(S): Det. Sgt. Douglas Calcagno

SUSPECT(S): Michelle Lovett, 19 years of age, Oakland resident

DETAILS:

On 08-10-11 approximately 7:30AM, the San Leandro Police Department received a 911 call of a residential burglary in progress in the 900 block of Victoria Ave. The suspects later identified as Michelle Lovett and a 17 year old female juvenile, who were last seen running towards Bancroft Ave. As SLPD units arrived in the area, the suspects were contacted and detained in the 300 block of Bancroft Ave. Officers responded to the victim residence and observed a garage window screen that had been pried off and the window broken. The suspects matched the description of several other burglary suspects that have been occurring over the last several months. During the course of the investigation detectives were able to gather information and evidence that has implicated Lovett to approximately 9 additional burglaries, one of which a car was stolen from the victim residence. The car was recovered in Oakland and returned to the victim

Most of the burglaries occurred after the suspects knocked on the front door of a victim residence. After no response, the suspects went to the rear of the residence and forced entry to a window or backdoor. Investigators believe that on a few attempted burglaries the suspects may have committed, the prevention methods were audible home alarm systems, dogs, and alert neighbors. Lt. Tudor said, "The San Leandro Police Department relies heavily on alert witnesses to apprehend burglary suspects, in this case an alert witness and good police work has allowed us to solve multiple burglaries that have occurred over the last three months".

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