



Press Release

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PRESS RELEASE

Subject : Residential Burglary Series solved through DNA

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The Redondo Beach Police Department has solved a residential burglary crime series through the use of trace DNA. Hundreds of articles of jewelry and other valuables taken in over 40 separate residential burglaries in the South Bay area alone have been recovered. The distinctive M.O. in these cases was that the suspect generally smashed through the rear sliding glass door of the home to gain entry, then took valuables, usually jewelry, small electronics and, at one house, a firearm. The suspect would often use a pillowcase from the burglarized home to carry the loot away.

The first burglary of this series was in December of last year, in the City of Manhattan Beach. In January of this year, the suspect began burglarizing houses in Redondo Beach and Torrance. By March, the suspect had committed over 30 burglaries in Redondo Beach alone.

The suspect in these cases, Arthur Glen Dailey Jr, 43 years of age, was identified through DNA analysis of evidence left at one of the crime scenes. When Dailey's identity was learned from the DNA crime laboratory, detectives focused their investigative efforts in locating him at his last known residence in Huntington Beach. Dailey was also wanted by the California Department of Corrections for failure to report to his Parole Officer, as well as by the Huntington Beach Police Department for an unrelated arrest warrant.

Search efforts by Redondo Beach detectives to locate Dailey resulted in the discovery that he had died of natural causes during hospitalization in June of this year. A search warrant was obtained for his residence where jewelry, coin collections, a handgun and other property connected to this series of burglaries was recovered.

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Victims that reported a residential burglary matching the method used by Dailey have been notified to contact Detective Brenner of the Redondo Beach Police Department for identification and recovery of property. A display of all recovered property will be conducted by the Redondo Beach Police Department this coming Saturday (September 8th) from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. It will be held at the Redondo Beach Library, 2nd Floor. Victims are encouraged to attend this display to facilitate identification and return of stolen property. Detective Brenner's telephone # is 310-379-2477 Ext 2320.

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