PRESS RELEASE

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"Cat Burglar" Series Plagues West Davis
Case 11-0622

This morning at 4:00 a.m. a resident in the Wake Forest Apartments, located at 1313 Wake Forest Dr. Davis, CA, awoke to find an intruder inside his home. Once confronted by the victim, the intruder fled the apartment by running out the front door. No property was taken. Officers arrived and determined the intruder made entry through a window by removing a window screen at the rear of the apartment. The victim described the perpetrator as an unknown male, approximately 6 feet tall, thin build, wearing dark clothing, and a flashlight on his forehead. *The unknown male did not assault or threaten the victim.*

Since February 2, 2011 the West Davis area has experienced four similar burglaries which were committed while the residents were at home. The burglaries took place on Drake Drive, Anderson Road, and Sycamore Lane. The time elements have varied, but it appears as though most have occurred in the early morning hours while the victim is still sleeping. The suspect(s) stole various personal electronic items left out in the common areas of the apartments.

Typically burglars break into homes when the victims are away in order to avoid confrontation, but the suspects appear much more confident in these incidents. We recommend people check to make sure their windows and doors are locked, even if they are home. If you choose to leave one of your windows open, leave a gap that is too small to crawl through and use some type of security device to keep the window from being opened further. Whether you use a cell phone or landline, make sure you have a phone within reach to call the police in the event you sense an intruder. Remember that most 911 cellular calls go straight to CHP. When calling from your cellular, use 758-3600 to reach the Davis Police Department Dispatch Center.

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