



HERCULES POLICE DEPARTMENT  
**PRESS RELEASE**

TYPE OF INCIDENT Arrest of Suspect for Seven Residential Garage Burglaries		CASE NUMBER H15-14380; H15-14792; H15-15023; H15-15086; H15-15153; H15-15177 & H15-15225	
DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT Oct 15/30m, 2015	LOCATION OF INCIDENT (3) 1100/1200 Block of Taraya Way; (2) 1100 Block of Earnest St; (1) 1200 Block of Promenade St; and (1) 500 Block of Athena. All address are in Hercules		
VICTIM	AGE	CITY	
RESPONSIBLE Matthew Gaudagne	AGE 21	CITY Hercules	
ARRESTED? Yes	CHARGE Seven Counts First Degree Burglary	BAIL \$350,000	

SUMMARY

On October 30, 2015, at approximately 11:00AM Hercules Police Officers served a Search Warrant on a residence in the 1100 block of Promenade. Officers recovered items from at least seven recent residential burglaries, which occurred in the same general area. Officers arrested 21 year old Matthew Gaudagne, and charged him with seven counts of First Degree Burglary. He was transported to the Martinez Facility and his bail was set at \$350,000.

Between October 15, and October 30, 2015, Hercules Police Officers took seven Residential Burglary reports involving thefts from detached garages. Six cases occurred in the residential neighborhood known as "Promenade" (Promenade St; Taraya Way; and Earnest). These residences are single family homes. One case occurred in the 500 block of Athena, which is a Condo complex. The incidents appeared to have occurred during the late night or early morning hours. Several of the victims stated that their garages may have been unlocked. The losses included bicycles; power and hand tools; a lawnmower; sleeping bags; camera equipment; golf clubs; and other miscellaneous items.

On October 29<sup>th</sup> an officer took one these cases in the 1100 block of Taraya Way. The victim told the officer he had video of the suspect, and a vehicle. The officer viewed the video and observed a Hispanic male; early twenties; short dark hair; average height and build; wearing a long sleeve hoody, dark pants; and white and dark colored athletic shoes; park an Audi in front of the victim's garage. The suspect left the vehicle and walked toward the victim's garage. A few minutes later the suspect returned to the vehicle and placed a power tool in the trunk of the Audi. The suspect repeated his actions several times. Each time putting stolen property in the Audi.

The officer was able to obtain photos, of the suspect and vehicle, from the video. The officer showed the photos to a Detective who immediately recognized the suspect, and vehicle, from prior contacts. The Detective wrote a Search Warrant for the suspect's

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house, and the vehicle he was driving.

On October 30, 2015, at approximately 11:00AM officer executed the search warrant. Property was recovered and identified by several of the victims. The suspect was present and arrested.

Detectives are continuing to identify victims and return all of the recovered property.

Citizens with information concerning these incidents should call the Hercules Police Department, Detectives Collard (510-799-8267), or Beason (510-799-8279).

It appears this suspect was looking for open or unlocked garages. Citizens are reminded most thefts are crimes of opportunity. Do not make it easy for criminals to steal from you. ALWAYS lock the doors, and windows, to your homes and cars. Also remember to close, and lock your garages.

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