



PALOS VERDES ESTATES POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE



DOG SITTER ARRESTED FOR BURGLARY

On Saturday, 8/5/17, PVEPD officers responded to the 3600 block of Palos Verdes Drive North in reference to a residential burglary report. Upon speaking with the victim, officers learned that he had just returned home after being out of town. The victim reviewed his video recordings from the interior of his house and observed that on the evening of 8/3/17, two suspects had entered his home and were seen stealing his property. The victim recognized one of the suspects as his dog sitter, Nephi Henderson. Also on video, the victim saw that during the early morning hours of 8/4/17, three suspects (including Henderson) came back to the house and were seen stealing more property.

A PVEPD detective responded to the scene and collected DNA evidence. The results of the DNA are still pending analysis.

The victim had initially located Henderson through a website (care.com) that helps care seekers and care givers connect. Henderson was using the name "Nephi H" on that website.

On Wednesday morning, 8/9/17, PVEPD detectives served a residential search warrant at Henderson's apartment in the 400 block of Herondo Street in the City of Hermosa Beach. Henderson was not home at the time, but several items of stolen property from the victims were located at his residence. Detectives also found stolen property which was later linked to a residential burglary in another city. PVEPD detectives remained in the area waiting for Henderson to return. At approximately 11:30 am, detectives located Henderson as he returned to his residence and placed him under arrest for two counts of residential burglary. His booking photo is on the following page. On 8/11/17, the Los Angeles County DA's office filed two counts of residential burglary against Henderson.

Detectives believe there are additional victims who may have hired Henderson and had their home burglarized. Several purses and items of clothing were recovered from the suspect's residence and detectives are trying to identify the rightful owners.

Detectives are also still working to identify the outstanding suspects. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Shea at (310) 378-7522 ext. 4 or kshea@pvestates.org. If you wish to remain ANONYMOUS, call "LA CRIME STOPPERS" by dialing 800-222-TIPS (8477); texting the letters TIPLA plus your tip to CRIMES (274637); or using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org/>

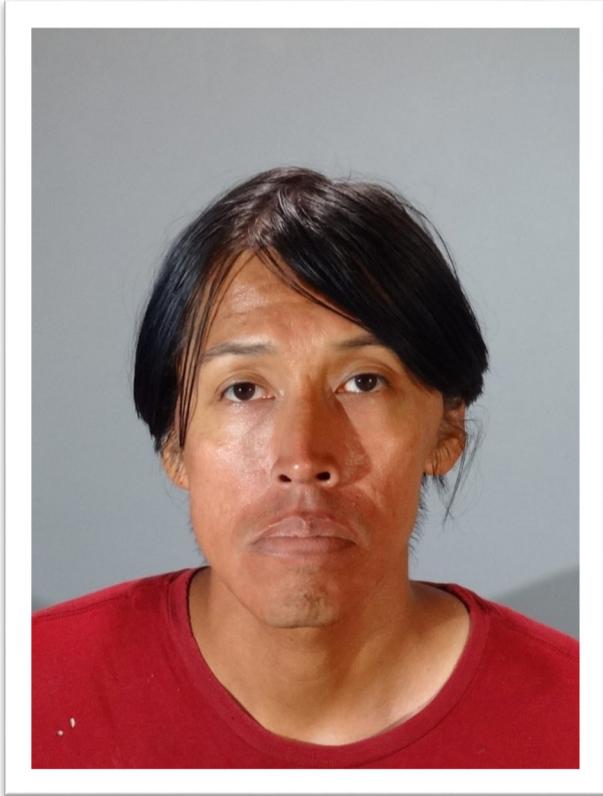


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