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Community Crime Alert Detectives Look At Cases For Similarities

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Berkeley, CA. (July 8, 2008) - The City of Berkeley Police Department (BPD) is urging the community to employ the following crime prevention measures in response to several home invasions and sexual assaults:

- Despite the warm weather, community members should always lock and secure their doors and windows
- Be aware of locations and situations which make you more vulnerable to crime, such as traveling alone, and when walking through alleys, doorways, parking lots and stairwells
- Call BPD to report suspicious persons or activity

Detectives are investigating a sexual assault that occurred this morning before dawn on the 1200 block of Milvia St. in north Berkeley.

The victim described the suspect as:
Black male, late teens early 20s, 5-06 to 5-08, thin build

On Tuesday, June 17, 2008, in the late morning hours, a woman was sexually assaulted in her home on the 2300 block of Derby St.

The victim described the suspect as:
Black male, 20s, dark complexion, 6-02, thin build

On Saturday, June 21, 2008, in the early morning hours, a residence on the 1800 block of Vine St. was burglarized. This burglary is suspicious given the proximity and the suspect description.

The victim described the suspect as:
Black male, 20s, dark complexion, tall, muscular build

In all three cases the suspect was armed with a deadly weapon. Investigators are looking into the possibility these cases are related.

If you have any information regarding these cases, please call the BPD Sex Crimes Detail at (510) 981-5735.

The BPD is working in partnership with Bay Area Crime Stoppers who are offering up to a \$2,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the involved suspect(s). Callers may remain anonymous by calling Bay Area Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

For crimes in progress, call 911 or (510) 981-5911 from your cell phone. To report suspicious persons or activity, call the BPD non-emergency line at (510) 981-5900.

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