



Newport Beach **BRIEFING** POLICE DEPARTMENT

Non-Emergency 949.644.3717 | Emergency 9-1-1

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

Location: 400 Block Fernleaf Avenue

Date/Time: 01/31/10, 1:36 PM

Method: Suspect entered the victim's residence through an unlocked front door while victim was outside on an upstairs balcony. The victim did not see the suspect enter, but a neighbor observed the suspect coming out of the victim's front door. As the suspect was leaving he called out to the victim on her balcony saying, "Excuse me, is this where the open house is?" The victim told the suspect to try down the street and he left.

As the suspect was leaving the victim's neighbor called up to her and told her that the suspect had been in her home. The victim then went downstairs and discovered that the suspect had removed her wallet from her purse, taken cash and left the wallet behind.

Loss: US currency

Suspect Description: Male black, 50 yrs, 6' tall, 185 lbs., black hair, thin build, wearing a dark jacket. ~ *The suspect was seen getting into an older model, rusty, blue Toyota Camry, driven by a black male with short hair, no further description.*

REMEMBER TO ALWAYS KEEP YOUR DOORS LOCKED EVEN WHEN YOU'RE HOME AND NEVER OPEN THE DOOR TO A STRANGER.

What should you do if you get a knock at the door?

A knock at your door could be:

- A neighbor needing to borrow something
- A child selling cookies
- A solicitor, community organization or a **BURGLAR**

Burglars look for empty homes and often check to see if you're home by knocking on the door.

- Never OPEN the door unless you know the person.
- Install and use a peephole with a minimum 190 degree view.
- When you go to the door, have your phone in your hand.
- Acknowledge your home without opening the door!
- If the individual acts suspiciously, call the police department and provide them with a description of the subject and explain why you think their behavior was suspicious.