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San Clemente, CA – Talega has experienced a few break-ins in the past few weeks. It is believed these break-ins are carried out by a sophisticated theft ring that targets homes in affluent neighborhoods. The Talega Board and Management have been working with the Orange County Sheriff's Department to keep residents informed on the incidents as well as to educate and engage the community to deter future break-ins.

As of today, September 8, 2022, Talega Management is aware of the following details:

- As many as five homes have been burglarized in the last 90 days.
- They target homes that back up to green belts and trails.
- They enter the property by climbing the back fence.
- They usually enter through second floor windows, which are usually not alarmed, directly targeting master bedrooms and offices, seeking high-end designer bags, jewelry and watches.
- These incidents have generally occurred between sunset and midnight.
- The perpetrators wear hoodies and facial covers to avoid camera identification.
- It is believed that they travel in well organized groups, parking their vehicles away from the target home, and proceeding on foot to avoid identification.
- They have been observed using two-way radios.

Orange County Sheriff's Department suggests keeping porch and/or indoor lights on when you are not home to give the appearance that the home is occupied. The use of motion sensor lights and cameras, such as the popular "Ring" cameras, is encouraged to monitor your property both front and back. "Glass break alarms," are also recommended. Keeping valuables in secure safes that have been permanently installed aid in protecting valuables in the event the home is burglarized. Avoid stating your whereabouts on social media as the thieves will frequently monitor these sites to gain information.

Talega Management and the Orange County Sheriff's Department encourages you to take extra time to be aware of your surroundings. Regular check-ins with neighbors can help keep the community aware of the developing situation.

For information on recent incidents go to <https://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/sanclemente>

Should you observe anything suspicious, do not confront a perpetrator directly or try to stop them. They may be armed and unpredictable. Immediately contact the Orange County Sheriff's Department at (949) 770-6011.