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Burglars target homes in Newcastle

Mid-day intrusions have residents on edge, on alert for suspicious activity

BY EYRAGON EIDAM
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NEWCASTLE — A string of mid-day burglaries has Newcastle residents on edge and watching for suspicious behavior in their normally quiet neighborhoods.

At least three residences were victimized in daylight hours of May 20 and 21, according to the Placer County Sheriff's Office and homeowners.

While jewelry seemed to be the main target of the intruders in two of the three cases, the homeowners in the third case were left with significant property damage.

Wilma Powers has lived in the South Kellogg Road neighborhood for nearly 50 years and said break-ins were not something she or her husband, Robert, had ever worried about until it happened.

Thieves used a window to gain access to the Powers' home at some point between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on May 21.

"They basically stole all of my jewelry," she said. "They ransacked our bedroom and dumped out all of the drawers."

Nearby, a home on Kiker Lane was also targeted the day before. Jewelry was also stolen from that residence.

Roughly five miles away, in the Spring Lane neighborhood of Newcastle, Jack and Linda Fisher are relying on well-fastened two-by-fours to secure their front and back doors after intruders forced their way in at around 12 p.m. May 21.

Jack Fisher believes at least two people were involved in the noon break-in because there was damage to multiple

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Marking a milestone



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Class of 2015 Placer High seniors send their caps soaring over the playing field at LeFebvre Stadium on Saturday. A total of 293 students received diplomas as an overflow crowd of about 3,000 looked on.



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Colfax High School graduate Katie Cheney breaks into a run to get her diploma.

Emotions soar for Class of 2015 grads

Placer High sees 293 step up for diplomas before overflow crowd

BY GUS THOMSON
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Pride in accomplishment rippled through the stands in applause Saturday at Auburn's LeFebvre Stadium, each round of cheers and clapping celebrating a Placer High graduate.

In all, 293 seniors stepped up for a walk across the turf of the playing field to a waiting diploma.

Some raised their arms high above their heads in celebration. Some pumped a fist or waved to a crowd of about 3,000 filling the stadium stands and spilling over

onto the track. Others, head down, trudged diligently toward their diplomas and their future.

Betsy Arriaga Acosta arrived 15 years ago from Mexico and — diploma in hand, smile covering her face Saturday — said that there were challenges early on learning a new language and trying to fit in with other kids.

Band helped a lot. She's a four-year percussionist with the Placer Hillmen band. And the family support that helped her through was visible Saturday as relatives held up signs "Felicidad Betsy" and "We Love You Betsy."

"It's a huge milestone," Arriaga

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Women, children flee group home blaze in Auburn

BY GUS THOMSON
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Fifteen women and children living at a group home in Auburn safely escaped flames after the Lincoln Way Victorian caught fire Friday.

Much of the interior of the three-story house at 191 Lincoln Way was damaged by fire or smoke but its occupants were able to flee the flames without injury, a fire official said.

All occupants were checked by ambulance personnel for smoke inhalation but

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The former Lincoln House bed and breakfast on Lincoln Way, now a group home, is posted as a dangerous structure after a fire Friday charred much of the interior.

Sept. 4 court date for suspects in slaying of Placer County detective

Second peace officer's death rolled into case

BY GUS THOMSON
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Facing allegations of murder in the separate slayings of peace officers in Placer and Sacramento counties, Marcelo Marquez and Janelle Marquez Monroy are slated to appear in court in September.

The two were arrested in Auburn but their cases are being prosecuted together by Placer County and Sacramento district attorney's offices in Sacramento County Superior Court.

The two made a brief appearance in court May 29. The next hearing is a settlement conference

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