

INTRODUCTION

On 09-06-2014 I was dispatched to a residential burglary at the Rothchild residence. I arrived at 1430 hours and found several people standing in front of the residence. I was contacted by V1-Agnes Rothchild and her husband, V2-Roberto Rothchild. Agnes and Roberto live alone at this location.

BODY

According to Agnes, they left their home on 09-05-2014 at around 0800 hours to attend a wedding in Kennewick. Agnes said that she was the last person to leave the house and that she was sure that she locked the doors. Agnes said that they returned home this afternoon at around 1330 hours.

Roberto said that when he drove into the garage he had a sense that something was not right. He later discovered that his riding lawn mower was missing from the garage. Roberto said that he walked into the house and could feel a cool draft. He looked towards the back door and found that it was standing open and that there were wood fragments on the floor.

Agnes walked in behind Roberto and she said that she immediately noticed that their new 65" flat screen television was no longer hanging on the wall. Roberto and Agnes fled the residence and went to the front lawn to call the police.

When I arrived I was joined by Officer Green and we conducted a search of the residence and found that no one was still inside the residence. I asked Officer Green to contact the neighbors surrounding the house, to see if we had any witnesses.

I asked Agnes and Roberto to walk through the house with me, advising them to avoid touching anything. We first arrived in the kitchen, and found the damage to the back door, which appears to be the point of entry. I found wood fragments from the door frame on the kitchen floor.

We entered the living room and discovered that the sheetrock was damaged higher up on one of the walls. According to Roberto this was where their television was hanging on the wall. The suspect(s) appeared to have yanked the television and bracket right out of the wall.

We then walked down to the single bedroom and found that the room did not appear to have been entered. Roberto told me that he had a firearm in his bedside table and when he opened the drawer it was missing. I asked Roberto and Agnes if they were positive that it was last seen in this drawer and they assured me that this is where it is kept.

Agnes also checked her jewelry box, but it did not appear to have been touched. I walked back to the garage with Roberto and it was then that he noticed that his John Deere riding mower was missing, that it is normally parked on the far side of the garage. Roberto continued looking around the garage and said that he did not see anything else missing.

I asked the Rothchilds to gather any and all information on the missing items and if they had photographs that would be helpful. I then went out to the backyard and began photographing the scene, beginning with the point of entry.

I also was able to lift two palm prints off of the door window at the point of entry. Agnes told me that she is a meticulous cleaner and she is sure that this window was spotless when they left town.

Officer Green returned to the residence and told me that he had contacted the neighbors around the house and that everyone was out of town also, except for the Brown's that live across the street. Officer Green contacted W-Brown and was told that he did not hear or see anything out of the ordinary. Brown did say that he saw an older red Chevrolet Suburban backed into the driveway of the Rothchild's house late Friday afternoon, just before supper time. He was going to call the police, but he said that he was in the middle of a project and just forgot to make the call. Brown said that he did not see anyone around the truck.

I talked to the Rothchilds about an alarm system as well as requesting a house check the next time that they are out of town. I encouraged them to take a closer look around the house and if they find anything further missing to begin a list and provide as much information as possible. I gave them a victim follow-up form, which provides them with additional information as well as the case number for their insurance. I told them that if they find anything that does not belong to them, to give us a call, as it could be some additional evidence.

LOSS:

1. Television - 65" Toshiba flat screen Model TS6565 Serial #TOSH989841 \$5,000.00
2. Serius wall bracket for the television (unknown model/serial) \$250.00
3. John Deere Riding lawn mower Model JD5000 Serial #JDRLM202020 \$5000.00

Damage to the rear door, door and frame will have to be replaced.

Evidence:

Item #1 Latent palm prints from the glass on the back door (point of entry)

Item #2 Photographs of the scene

CLOSING

I cleared the scene and returned to the station to submit the photographs and prints into evidence. I submitted the report for approval. In addition, I put a note in the pass on book for fellow officers to be aware of the burglary and ask for checks during their shifts.