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## **REYES, LAPD SEEK PUBLIC'S HELP IN HOT PROWL BURGLARIES**

Councilmember Ed P. Reyes and Los Angeles Police Department officials today called for the public's help in solving a rash of recent hot prowl burglaries in the Los Angeles community of Lincoln Heights.

On April 26 through 28, six hot prowl burglaries occurred here between the hours of 12:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m., according to Los Angeles Police Department reports. They occurred on three streets: Sichel, Manitou and Mozart streets. In each of these incidents, the suspect entered the property by removing window screens.

“On these warm nights, it’s tempting to sleep with your windows open,” said Councilmember Reyes, at a press conference today in front of his Lincoln Heights district office. “But when you do that, you are inviting another unwelcome guest—burglars. Please don’t give a burglar an invitation to your home. Remember to close and lock all your windows and doors.”

Fortunately, no items were stolen because the victims awoke, which startled the suspect and caused him to run away, said LAPD Captain Blake Chow. The crimes are known as “hot prowl” burglaries, because the break-ins occurred while victims were home.

The suspect is described as a male Hispanic with short, black “buzz-cut” hair. He is 19 to 25 years old and weighs 100 to 150 pounds. He is short to medium in height and was seen wearing a gray sweatshirt with dark pants.

Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Hollenbeck Area detectives at (323) 526-3000. During off-hours or on weekends, calls may be directed to a 24-hour toll free number at 1-877-LAWFULL (529-3855).

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