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SERIAL BURGLAR ARRESTS

On March 5, 2013, at 1:43 p.m., officers from Operations Division East responded to a report of a burglary that had just occurred at a residence in the 5600 block of North Wilshire Drive. The homeowner advised officers that as he arrived home, he saw a male carrying items from his home and another male waiting in the driver's seat of a white Nissan pickup that was backed into his driveway. The first suspect entered the passenger seat of the pickup and the vehicle left the area, however the homeowner was able to obtain a license plate for the suspect vehicle. Officers conducted a burglary investigation, checked the area and forwarded the case to detectives.

On March 13, 2013, detectives were following up on leads to the burglary, which led them to a home in the 6900 block of East Kingston Drive. Detectives located the suspect vehicle as it was leaving the residence. The vehicle was stopped and three occupants were detained. Detectives determined that the three individuals in the vehicle had just committed a burglary at the residence they were seen leaving. The three suspects in the vehicle were arrested and a search warrant was obtained for their home in the 1100 block of South Duquesne Drive. During the service of the search warrant, detectives located property from two other burglaries in the Tucson area. One of which occurred January 28, 2013 at a neighbor's home in the 1100 block of South Duquesne Drive and the other on March 4, 2013 in the 1800 block of South Augusta Circle.

The suspects were identified as 30-year old Merced V. Lopez, 32-year old Heather Lopez, and 26-year old Christopher Guzman. They were each charged with one count of 1st Degree Burglary regarding the incident that occurred March 13th. Booking photographs are included below. Further charges are pending as detectives continue to investigate.



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Heather Lopez



Christopher Guzman

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