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City of Boulder City

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Earlier this afternoon, the Boulder City Police Department believed they would be able to take into custody at least one of two individuals who may have been involved in a burglary to a home in the Bella Vista area of the city. That was not the case. After careful examination of the physical evidence, Patrol Sergeant Lisa Byrd made the determination that a man police detained needed to be let go. This is what took place earlier today:

At approximately 1:00 p.m., Boulder City Police dispatch received a call reporting two suspicious white males wandering in the area of Lake Mountain Drive near Valencia Drive. At approximately the same time, they received a report of a burglar alarm and break-in at a home on Malaga Drive. Upon investigation of the burglar alarm, a broken sliding glass rear door was discovered.

Chief Finn, who was on patrol only a quarter mile away, heard the call as it was dispatched and went to the location to look for the two possible suspects. At least 5 or 6 other patrol and traffic officers responded to the area as well. Approximately 30 minutes later, a resident of the Bayview Condominium Complex called dispatch to report two suspicious-looking men who he observed jumping over a privacy wall on the US 93 side of the complex. Chief Finn and Officer Dave Olson, who were checking the area for the suspects from the flood channel, saw one of the two suspects walking behind the condos. They got out of their cars, approached the individual and took him into custody.

At approximately 1:45 p.m., a Metro helicopter search team was called in to look for the second suspect from the air. A 30-minute search failed to locate the other suspect.

Although the detained suspect was identified by eyewitnesses who placed him on the street where the home was burglarized, he was not observed on the victim's

property, and no other evidence existed that would tie him to the burglary or any other crime.

After questioning the detainee and examining the evidence at hand, Sergeant Byrd determined there was not sufficient evidence to hold this individual.

Chief Finn wants to remind residents that their input is always welcome, and in this particular case, those reporting suspicious persons in the area may have prevented a more serious crime. He is particularly appreciative of the extraordinary assistance provided by the Bella Vista Homeowners' Association and the concerned and observant resident of Bayview Condominiums. This is an outstanding example of how the residents and the police can work together to ensure the safety and security of everyone in Boulder City.

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