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Several residents detained a suspected burglar after he broke into a home

Around 8AM Tuesday morning, Lancaster Sheriff's Station received a report of Burglary in the 2100 block of Langhorn Ave in east Lancaster. The caller reported that several neighbors were attempting to detain the suspect. When deputies arrived they found several people holding a male on the ground. After taking custody of the male, the deputies learned that he had been seen burglarizing a nearby home. The deputies also learned that the home has been the target of several recent break-ins. The suspect was identified as 19 year old Jaime Ramirez. Ramirez is currently on "Felony Probation" for grand theft after being convicted of stealing over twenty air conditioning units from several Lancaster homes last year.

When questioned about the burglary, Ramirez admitted that he was involved. Based on his "Probationary" status, deputies drove to his home where they located and recovered several items that had been stolen during the previous burglaries. Ramirez also led the deputies to the home of a 15 year old male who was also involved in the crimes. At that home, deputies located and recovered additional stolen items and the 15 year old was also arrested.

Prior to being booked at the Lancaster Station Jail, Ramirez was transported to a local Hospital where he received treatment for injuries he received while being detained by the residents. When asked about the injuries, Ramirez told the deputies "I was socked in the face by a concerned citizen"

Lancaster Station Captain, Bob Jonsen said "I would like to thank all of the residents who helped capture this suspect." He added, "We do not advocate citizens taking matters into their own hands however, we do encourage them to be good witnesses for the responding deputies." Remember, If you see something, say something.

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