



Los Angeles County
Sheriff's Department

Lost Hills Station Deputies Get Awarded By A.L.A.D.S.



From left to right: Deputy Morales, Deputy Brower, Sergeant Dunn, Deputy Treinen, and Lieutenant Royal.

iPAD Tracker Helps Deputies Solve 2 Home Burglaries & Save Christmas For 2 Families



Happy children in Vista with their recovered Christmas gifts.

While sound asleep early Christmas morning (Dec. 25), a Westlake Village resident was awakened by a noise at 3:30AM in his house. He confronted the intruder, and the intruder ran away. The victim chased him a short distance before losing sight of the

intruder. Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff's deputies responded to the scene, but were unable to locate the intruder.

It was discovered that the home had been burglarized, and that among other items, an Apple iPad was taken from the victim's home.

Later that morning, the victim called the Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff's Station and told deputies the stolen iPad was giving a signal from a nearby home. Deputies responded to that location and recovered the iPad.

Deputies arrested Suspect Patrick Krewson at the location. Krewson is a 20-year old resident of Vista in San Diego County, visiting the area.

Malibu/Lost Hills deputies and detectives conducted a thorough follow-up investigation, which led them to information regarding a burglary which occurred in Vista, on December 22, 2011. Two flat-screen televisions, a laptop computer, and more than 40 Christmas presents belonging to children were stolen in the burglary in Vista.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies contacted San Diego County Sheriff's deputies who police the community of Vista, and they confirmed that Christmas gifts were in fact taken in a burglary in Vista.

A search inside Suspect Krewson's home in Vista by San Diego County Sheriff's deputies, revealed all of the property stolen during the Vista burglary committed on December 22, 2011.

When Malibu/Lost Hills deputies notified the Vista victim that her Christmas presents had been located in time to give them to the children for Christmas, she began to cry. One of the cooperating parties involved in the investigation said to Malibu/Lost Hills Deputy Frank Brower upon hearing about the recovered gifts, "Deputy Brower, you saved Christmas!"

Suspect Krewson was arrested for Burglary and was booked at Malibu/Lost Hills Station. San Diego County Sheriff's deputies will file additional Burglary charges within their respective jurisdiction.

This is the latest crime solved using advanced technology, including software embedded into electronic devices to help locate stolen property. In this case, the technology helped solve two home burglaries, and saved Christmas for two families.

New technologies are providing new opportunities to protect or recover property, and aid in the investigative process.

Malibu Deputies' heroic actions help save the life of an elderly woman who could not escape the flames during house fire.

Shortly before 9:00pm, Deputy Mike Treinen, a twenty-two year veteran of the Sheriff's Department, and Lieutenant Jim Royal, an eighteen year veteran of the Sheriff's Department, were at a Malibu community meeting when they heard Sheriff's dispatchers requesting units to respond to the 20400 Block of Little Rock Way regarding a residential fire. The two deputies recognized the nearby address and realized it was the home of local elderly woman and her caretaker whom they had regular contacts with. Deputy Treinen and Lieutenant Royal immediately responded to the residence. The 9-1-1 dispatcher further advised that they were disconnected from the female caller after she frantically stated, "Fire, fire!"

The residence was almost completely engulfed in flames upon the deputies arrival. With Fire still en route and fearing the woman and her caretaker were trapped inside, the deputies entered the burning residence. As they made their way around to the rear of the home, they discovered the elderly woman laying in the threshold of an open back door. She was unable to walk and had difficulty breathing. The two deputies picked up the woman and carried her safely down the driveway to two other deputies who had just driven up in their patrol car.

As the elderly woman was taken by deputies down the hill to an arriving ambulance, Deputy Treinen and Lieutenant Royal re-entered the home to check for the caretaker or any additional occupants before the Fire Department's arrival. Fortunately, no one else was in the residence.

Four Engine Companies from the Los Angeles County Fire Department quickly knocked out the blaze. Fire officials have estimated the damage at approximately half a million dollars. It is unknown what caused the fire at this time, however, it is believed to be accidental.

The 89 year old homeowner was transported to a local hospital where she was treated for smoke inhalation. The two deputies were also taken to local hospitals after complaining of smoke inhalation related symptoms. The deputies were subsequently released.