EVACUATION TIPS – PUBLIC SAFETY

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) – The Sheriff’s Office wants to remind residents in the event that they are asked to evacuate that they make sure to secure the property they leave behind and unplug unneeded electrical devices. The Sheriff’s Office arrested a suspect today who reportedly entered the mandatory evacuation area and attempted to steal a bicycle from a hotel. Firefighters noticed the theft occurring and contacted the suspect, who fled. He was ultimately arrested by Sheriff’s deputies and was determined to be in possession of burglary tools and under the influence of narcotics. While Sheriff’s deputies are patrolling evacuation areas, they are requesting that residents remain vigilant about reporting suspicious activity to law enforcement immediately.

An evacuation shelter has been established at the UCSB Recreational Center, 516 Ocean Road, Santa Barbara, 93106.

For animal evacuations, residents in Santa Barbara County are asked to call 805-681-4332.

Emergency Alert System:

It is critical that people in Santa Barbara County register to receive emergency alerts. Sign up at www.AwareAndPrepare.org. If we can’t reach you, we can’t alert you.

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