



VILLAGE OF PINECREST

Press Release

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Alert Pinecrest residents helped nab burglar

Pinecrest, Fla. – Giorgio Andre Barsallo, who lives in the 200 block of Galen Drive in Key Biscayne was arrested Feb. 12, 2014 and charged with residential burglary, and loitering and prowling after he broke into a house in the 7300 block of 98th Street by removing a screen and breaking a window.

Alert residents and the victim called the Pinecrest Police within minutes of each other. A resident who lives in the 7300 block of 96th Street reported a suspicious man who jumped into her backyard, and another vigilant resident who was driving called police after seeing a suspicious man fleeing from the burglarized house on foot. A house alarm caused Barsallo to leave the house.

Barsallo's priors include several burglary and drug possession charges dating back to May 2011.

Pinecrest Neighborhood Watch groups are booming in the Village. Ten Neighborhood Watch groups have formed in the last seven months in the eight-square-mile Village to deter crime in their blocks. Neighbors exchange information, such as, emails, phone numbers and landscaper and pool servicer information.

"If something looks suspicious or sounds suspicious call the police department. We are here to help keep you safe," said Crime Prevention Specialist Sergeant Michael Gorsline, who said thieves many times use power tools to break through impact resistant glass. "The more eyes and ears we have working together the less chance there is of falling victim to a crime."

Getting started is easy. The first step is to get organized by calling Sergeant Gorsline at 305-234-2100.

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