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### **Burglary Arrest**

During the early morning hours of 12/6/11, Pleasanton Police Officers arrested a Pleasanton man on suspicion of auto burglary after an alert resident called 911.

At about 0222 hours, a resident on the 2300 block of Meadowlark Drive called police to say he was watching a man on a bicycle who stopped in his driveway and was looking into his parked car. The caller reported seeing the man trying the door handles to the car. Officers were nearby and were able to respond to the area within 30 seconds. They found 26-year-old Anthony Dicorti, a recent resident of Pleasanton, now stopped on his bicycle in front of a second house.

Dicorti told police he was “Out for a ride because he couldn’t sleep.” Fortunately for police, the reporting resident was able to provide excellent recorded video of Dicorti looking into vehicles. Dicorti was found to be in possession of five various gift cards. Officers contacted the residents at the second house. They came out and told police their vehicle had been broken into and that several gift cards were missing. The residents gave officers the unique description of the cards, which matched those in Dicorti’s pocket.

Officers arrested Dicorti on charges of Prowling and Possession of Stolen Property. Dicorti has an extensive criminal record for burglary, theft, drugs, and assault.

It is important to recognize that this thief was captured not only because of a fast and effective police response but also in large part due to an alert resident who played an active, vital role in alerting officers to suspicious activity in his neighborhood. Today’s arrests exemplify the longtime partnership and positive relationship the Pleasanton Police Department enjoys with its residents.

Police also would like to remind residents that to help avoid becoming a victim, remove all valuable items from your vehicles at all times and make sure you lock all doors and windows. If you would like more Crime Prevention tips call our Crime Prevention Unit at (925) 931-5233.