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Enhance Home Security During the Holiday Season

San Mateo County, CA: As the holiday season approaches, the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office is reminding residents to take proactive measures to secure their homes and ensure a safe and festive celebration. Increased social activities and travel during this time can present opportunities for criminal activities, and the sheriff's office is committed to partnering with the community to maintain a secure environment for all.

Key Points for Holiday Home Security:

- 1. Lock Doors and Windows:**
 - Before leaving home, double-check that all doors and windows are securely locked.
 - Use deadbolt locks for added security.
- 2. Proper Lighting:**
 - Ensure the exterior of your home is well-lit to deter potential intruders.
 - Consider installing motion-activated lights in key areas around your property.
- 3. Timed Lighting Systems:**
 - Utilize timers for indoor and outdoor lights to give the appearance that someone is home, even if you're away.
- 4. Secure Valuables:**
 - Safely store valuable items out of sight to discourage burglars.
 - Consider investing in a safe for important documents and high-value items.
- 5. Neighbor Cooperation:**
 - Communicate with trusted neighbors and inform them of your travel plans.
 - Request that neighbors keep an eye on your property and report any suspicious activity.
- 6. Holiday Package Deliveries:**
 - If possible, arrange for packages to be delivered when you're home or use secure package lockers.
 - Consider notifying a neighbor to collect packages on your behalf.
- 7. Social Media Awareness:**



- Be cautious about sharing travel plans on social media platforms to avoid broadcasting an empty home.
- 8. If You See Something, Say Something:**
- Encourage residents to trust their instincts and report any unusual activity to the sheriff's office.
 - Please call 650-363-4911 for reporting suspicious behavior. In case of emergencies always dial 911.

Christina Corpus, Sheriff of San Mateo County, emphasizes the importance of community involvement in maintaining a safe environment. "The holiday season is a time for joy and celebration, but it's also crucial to remain vigilant. By working together, we can ensure a secure and peaceful community for everyone."

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