



San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

Subject: Burglary Arrest - "211 Bikes" Vista

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SYNOPSIS:

In the early morning hours of March 25th, 2018, the "211 Bikes" shop in Vista was burglarized. A white male broke into the alarmed business and stole bicycles, sunglasses, and bicycle accessories. The shop owner estimated the loss at more than \$4400. This was the third time the "211 Bikes" was the victim of a burglary. Video of the burglary was released by the shop owner to local news stations and several leads were developed with the help of the public.

The burglar was identified as Ronald Gardner of Escondido by Vista Sheriff's Station Detectives. On March 28th, 2018, a search warrant was served at Gardner's residence by the Vista Station Detective and COPPS (Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving) units. Gardner was arrested nearby and booked into the Vista Detention Facility on a burglary warrant from a previous unrelated case, burglary, possession of stolen property, and possession of a controlled substance. Three bicycles, some of the stolen sunglasses and bicycle parts were recovered and released to the shop owner. In Gardner's garage were several bicycle frames, tires, and parts. These items could not be identified as stolen at this time.

The investigation is continuing.

Call Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 with information about this case and you will remain anonymous. You may be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reward for information leading to a felony arrest.