

How can I help the police?

When witnessing a crime, be a good witness. Get descriptions, direction of travel, any weapons observed, vehicle description, license plate, clothing, sex, race, height, weight, how many people involved, etc. Try to retain as much information as you can. This is all extremely helpful. DO NOT put yourself in harm's way.

If you feel that your house has been broken into STAY OUT and CALL THE POLICE. Do not go into the house and contaminate the crime scene. Call the police and a patrol officer will come out and make sure that the house is safe for you to go into. Keep a list of serial and model numbers of your higher priced items. Take photographs of those that do not have serial/model numbers, such as jewelry. Officers are required to search your immediate neighborhood for property and to contact your neighbors to see if they saw or heard anything. Serial numbers are useful as they can be compared against items that are being pawned throughout the valley's pawn shops.