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SUBJECT SOUGHT IN EARLY MORNING BURGLARY OF RESIDENCE

Franconia Township Police are seeking the identity of a male subject who burglarized a township residence during the early morning hours of Sunday, November 1, 2009 .

A resident on the 300 block of Oak Drive reported that he heard a noise in his kitchen at around 2:30 a.m. The homeowner observed a male run out the kitchen door after taking an undetermined amount of cash that had been left on the kitchen table.

The homeowner chased the subject through the back yard of the residence. He then discharged several rounds from a shotgun in the general direction of the fleeing suspect. These were described to police as "warning-type" shots. The homeowner then notified police.

Officers from Lower Salford Township, Souderton, and Telford assisted in the search in the area of Oak Drive and Reliance Road. A police canine from Quakertown was used for tracking but the suspect was not found. The Franconia Township Police are continuing with an investigation.

It is believed that there may have been at least one similar instance of this type of entry at the same residence within the past several weeks. Since the door to this home was not locked at the time of the occurrence, police are urging all residents to lock and secure all entry doors to their homes in the evening hours. Additionally, outdoor lighting that is left on during the night can assist as a deterrent. Any suspicious persons or noises need to be reported to the police immediately by calling 9-1-1.

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