



**COMMUNICATION BETWEEN C.O.P. MEMBER AND
PATROL SERGEANT RESULT IN ARREST OF
HABITUAL OFFENDER
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Foxwood Glen C.O.P. member Cindy Conant pays close attention to her neighborhood. Her best asset, however, is her communication skills. Cindy's community is fairly new and still under development. Communities in this type of transition are often subject to criminal activity within unfinished homes. Crimes such as material and appliance theft are very common. Cindy has made outstanding efforts since moving into the community to keep her neighbors informed of any types of criminal activity. She has also befriended the building supervisor and the two of them keep each other informed on the 'goings on' within the area. Cindy often submits C.O.P. patrol reports detailing all of her findings in an effort to keep the police officers and supervisors assigned to her beat informed.

Her persistence paid off several months back when a subject was arrested for sleeping inside of an unfinished home. Months later however, the building supervisor advised Cindy that another vacant residence had been broken into and there were signs left behind that someone had stayed the night inside. Cindy was convinced that the individual previously arrested had returned to the area. She sent an email to patrol Sgt. Johnnie Shepherd with a description of the individual she suspected and asked if he would show it to the officers in briefing. Not only did Sgt. Shepherd show the email to patrol officers in briefing, but he enlisted the help of the South District's Foot Patrol Unit and sent them to the location late that night to check vacant houses.

It wasn't long before officers located signs of forced entry at a vacant residence. Upstairs, they located the subject Cindy had previously described; the same subject arrested several months prior for the same criminal trespass offenses. The suspect also had several outstanding warrants for his arrest out of Dallas and had not previously been able to be located by law enforcement. I certainly hope Cindy's community realizes how fortunate they are to have her. The positive relationships she has formed and her excellent communication skills are sure to make her new community a great one.