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LAPD arrests alleged Melrose Avenue serial burglar

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The Los Angeles Police Department has arrested a suspect in a string of residential burglaries off Melrose Avenue and Fairfax Avenue.

Detectives are still trying to determine how many burglaries the suspect is allegedly responsible for.

Dante Hoskins, 39, was arrested last week hiding from police near his home. Police said the break in the case occurred during a burglary on the 800 block of Laurel Avenue.

"The suspect left behind evidence that identified him as the named serial burglar, Dante Hoskins. Familiar with crime trends and wanted suspects in their area, the responding officers recognized Hoskins as the same suspect who was arrested in December 2009 for numerous residential burglaries," the LAPD said in a statement. "Part of Hoskins' method of operation was that he targeted houses located north of Melrose Avenue near Fairfax Avenue and that he used the same tactics to commit his crimes."

Hoskins was charged with residential burglary. His bail was set at \$75,000. According to KTLA News, Hoskins has been bailed out of jail. The LAPD has beefed up patrols along Melrose.

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