

INDIANAPOLIS (August 4, 2015) – Indianapolis Metropolitan Police are looking for two suspects who broke into a west side home, then robbed a man who had just finished dialysis treatment.

Jaime Lopez, 52, told police he had spent the early part of Monday receiving dialysis treatment at a local hospital. He was still feeling weakened from the treatment as he walked up toward the steps of his back door in the 2400 block of Goodlet Avenue. Suddenly, he was greeted by a masked man running out his door.

“I guess they heard his footsteps,” said Lopez’s nephew, Uribe Lopez. “And that’s when one of them came out running with a gun.”

“No one expects to come home in broad daylight and be confronted with two armed individuals with masks and gloves on,” said IMPD Lt. Richard Riddle.

Lopez says the suspect held him at gunpoint and forced him to sit on a bench and stare at the wall of the house while the second suspect continued ransacking the house inside.

“To me, it would have made me feel like my life was over,” Uribe Lopez said.

After several minutes, the two suspects ran off carrying cash, electronics and about \$10,000 worth of gold jewelry. Every room in the house had been rifled through, with beds overturned and clothing and other items tossed about. Jaime Lopez, who only speaks Spanish, then called his nephew about the incident.

“They were smart,” Uribe Lopez said. “They took all the gold and left the things that wasn’t gold.”

Members of the Lopez family don't know if the suspects knew the house would be empty when they broke in. It's possible that they saw Jaime leave for the hospital around 6am. Family members are thankful the break-in happened while Jaime was away.

"If he would have been here they might have hurt him," Uribe Lopez said.

The family also says a storage facility next door to the house was broken into last week. They suspect the same people may have been involved in both incidents.

"We don't want individuals thinking they can prey on anybody in the neighborhoods," Riddle said. "Especially people who may not speak English and be able to properly alert authorities. That's a concern of ours."

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