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St. Petersburg Police Arrest Woman for String of Home Burglaries

St. Petersburg police arrested Lisa Kay Wiser-Serratore 5-26-66, Thursday, Oct. 2, and charged her with 5 burglaries. She’s also a suspect in more than 30 burglaries in North St. Petersburg as well as others outside the city limits.

Detectives say Serratore dressed in scrubs and posed as a home health caregiver. She would knock on the front door of a home, and if no one answered, she would go around back and break-into the house.

In an example of good police work, detectives tracked down leads cross-country. A victim started seeing photos of a teenage girl appear on his IPAD that was linked to an IPOD stolen from his home in August. Using a photo of a partial plane ticket, police tracked down the girl, who had recently moved to Oregon. She said her grandmother had given her the IPOD. The grandmother then told them a friend, Lisa Kay Wiser-Serratore had given her the device to pay off a debt.

Undercover officers began watching Wiser-Serratore. On the second day of surveillance, they watched her knock on the front door of a home and go around the back, carrying two large bags. She later exited through the front door and drove off. When they stopped her car a few blocks away, they discovered plastic bins full of jewelry, small electronics, and prescription drugs.

Wiser-Serratore admitted to detectives she burglarized several homes to pay for a prescription drug habit.

Detectives say she pawned about 120 pieces of jewelry in Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties.