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Vaudreuil SQ sergeant honored for serial theft investigation

A Vaudreuil SQ sergeant detective is getting an award from his peers for his efforts in helping to catch a Quebec couple who broke into dozens of luxury homes and made off with over a million dollars in cash, jewellery and other items.

Sgt.-Det. Gordon Hunter was the lead investigator whose team tracked down the man and woman known as the Mercedes couple who used the car to get to their targets - high-end homes in St. Lazare as well as 13 neighbouring towns, between December 2012 and May 2014. The break in the case was spotting the car in a surveillance video.

"We were able to catch them live doing a break-in in Victoriaville," Hunter told CJAD 800 News in a phone interview.

"They would stay in the houses for many, many hours, up to five hours sometimes, with tools that they brought to open up the safes in the houses."

The humble 24-year veteran of the force said he couldn't have done it without his five investigators and other patrollers.

"I'm very, very honoured to have this award," said Hunter, who will be the first to receive his accolades at tomorrow's annual Quebec Police Awards gala where 26 other police officers will be recognized for their work.

"The best part of it I would say was being able to contact the many victims and letting them know that the people who broke into their house and stole their belongings will face justice," said Hunter.

"That was the great part."