**Stay strong Joao: Man City's Cancelo finds support from fans after cowardly home invasion**

Manchester City star Joao Cancelo and his family survived a harrowing moment after intruders invaded their residence on Thursday. The 27-year-old sustained facial injuries after reportedly fighting back against four assailants who made off with stolen jewelry.

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"Unfortunately today I was assaulted by four cowards who hurt me and tried to hurt my family. When you show resistance this is what happens. They managed to take all my jewellery and leave me with my face with this state. I don't know how there are people with such meanness. The most important thing for me is my family and luckily they are all OK. And after so many obstacles in my life, this is just one more than I will overcome. Firm and strong, like always," Cancelo wrote on Instagram.

In a club statement, Man City condemned the cowardly attack and confirmed that Cancelo is cooperating with the police. "We are shocked and appalled that Joao Cancelo and his family were subjected to a burglary at their home this evening during which Joao was also assaulted. Joao and his family are being supported by the Club and he is helping the police with their enquiries as they investigate this very serious matter," a City tweet read.

The dastardly home invasion, that left the Cancelo family shaken, was also lamented by football fans including ones from the rival clubs. The football enthusiasts condemned the assault on Cancelo before posting heartfelt messages for the Portugal international and his family on social media.