

Police Advisory

2nd Precinct: Occupied residential burglaries

June 17, 2009

Facts:

During the past week, there has been an emerging pattern of occupied residential burglaries occurring in the Marcy-Holmes and U of M neighborhoods. All three burglaries involved unlocked residences in which victims were either home, or had just arrived to find the suspect in their residence. According to the victims, the suspect said he was looking for someone (e.g., David, Mike). In two cases, the suspect stated he had a “pistol,” rather than “gun.” Losses included laptops, a cell phone, and iPods.

Witnesses described the suspect as a black male, 25-40 years of age, 6’ tall, stocky build, and a shaved/bald head. In all three cases, he was wearing denim shorts.

What you can do:

- Install good locks and use them. Lock the door whether you’re at home or you’re away—even for a few minutes.
- Turn on exterior lights at night.
- Don't open your door to anyone who has no business inside.
- Never leave garage doors open.
- Meet your neighbors, so you can watch out for each other.
- Call 911 to report suspicious activity. This includes strangers walking down your alley and looking in garages, loitering, or vehicles circling the block with occupants you don't recognize.

Please call the Second Precinct’s crime prevention specialists: Nicholas Juarez (612-673-2797) for neighborhoods south of Broadway; or Carol Oosterhuis (612-673-2874) for neighborhoods north of Broadway.

