

CRIME ALERT

Residential Burglary:
Shingle Creek, Lind-Bohanon, Victory & Webber Camden

February 2, 2010

Facts:

Between January 25 and February 1, there were six burglaries in Sector 3 in the 4th Precinct:

- 4700 block of Xerxes
- 4500 block of Xerxes
- 4500 block of Logan
- 4900 block of Newton
- 4000 block of Sheridan
- 5200 block of Girard

At least two of the burglaries appear to be connected, because items from one of the burglaries were recovered in the back yard of another burglary location. In all but one case, the suspect(s) entered by kicking open a door. In the remaining burglary, there was no force as the door was accidentally left open. Stolen items included a safe, jewelry, cash, computers, and cameras. These burglaries occurred between 4:00 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. There is no suspect information in five of the cases. In the other case, the suspect was known to the victim.

What you can do:

Please be alert to suspicious activity, and don't hesitate to call 911 to report it. Please call the 4th Precinct Property Crimes Unit at (612) 673-5714 if you have any information about these burglaries.

- Never leave your home or personal property unsecured. Always lock all doors and windows when you leave home.
- Be on the lookout for suspicious activity. Look out your back windows; keep outside lights on to increase visibility for both you and your neighbors.
- Use double-cylinder deadbolt locks with 6" strike plates and 3" screws on all exterior doors. Deadbolts should have at least a 1" throw.
- Pin your double-hung windows, or have auxiliary locks added to them.
- Alert your neighbors and block club members to the problem and be sure to watch out for each other. Remember, the majority of burglars caught in the act get caught because a neighbor reported seeing something suspicious.
- 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.
- Ask your crime prevention specialist to conduct a free Home Security Survey. He/she will give you many tips and ideas for making your home more secure and less vulnerable.

For more information, please contact Crime Prevention Specialist Mary Etzioni at 612-673-3364 or mary.etzioni@ci.minneapolis.mn.us

For crime prevention tips go to: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-prevention/docs/Curfew.pdf

Subscribe to Crime Alerts from the MPD:
www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crimealert/signup.asp

If you need this material in an alternative format, please contact the Minneapolis Police Department at 612-672-2912.

