

Neighborhood Update

3rd Precinct, Sector Two

September 6, 2006

(Bancroft, Bryant, Central, Corcoran, Powderhorn Park and Standish neighborhoods)

Facts:

In August 2006, there has been an increase in burglaries in Sector Two. Sector Two's boundaries are 2nd Ave. S. to Hiawatha Ave. and E. Lake St. to E. 42nd St.

Most home burglaries have occurred during the daytime hours and garage burglaries have been mostly during the nighttime hours. Several of these burglaries occurred with suspects entering through an unlocked door or window. Suspects have cut screens or pushed in unsecured air conditioners to enter some homes. One burglary occurred through an unlocked upstairs window—the suspect climbed up on lawn furniture.

Suspect information:

At this time, the 3rd Precinct Investigative Unit is working on several suspects. Witnesses have given varied descriptions, involving both juvenile and adult males (all races). **Anyone loitering, looking in windows, or acting suspiciously in the area should be reported to 911.**

What you can do:

- Keep your doors locked at all times.
- Watch for any suspicious activity or sounds such as strangers walking in yards or between houses, breaking glass, loud banging, etc. **Call 911.**
- Install deadbolt locks (with a 1" throw) and a high-security strike plate (with 3" screws) on home and garage doors. If you have glass within 42" of the door lock, consider: 1) a double-cylinder deadbolt lock, 2) tempered glass, or 3) a decorative grille over the glass.
- Screens are not adequate window protection. Lock your windows. Also use window pins, track fillers, or additional locks to keep windows from being opened more than 6".
- Make your house look occupied when you are not at home. Leave a radio or TV on during the day. Leave a light on at night.
- Make your house look occupied as you leave. If no one is in the house, act as if someone is—wave or yell on the way out ("I'll be back shortly. Don't forget to do the dishes.") to give the impression that someone is still inside the house.
- Lock your vehicle when it is in the garage. Don't leave valuables in the vehicles, even CDs.
- Leave outdoor lights on overnight, or install photosensitive lighting that operates from dusk to dawn, mounted high enough to be out of reach.
- Mark your property with Operation Identification. Call 612-673-2749 to sign up.
- Organize your block or your building so you know your neighbors and watch out for one another.
- **Call 911 when you see or hear illegal or suspicious activity such as an unfamiliar person lurking in and around the building or the sounds of glass breaking or loud banging.**

For more information on what you can do to protect yourself from crime, call Crime Prevention Specialist Karen Skrivseth (612-673-2856) or email karen.skrivseth@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

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