

Police Advisory

Burglary of dwelling & arson (Corcoran & Powderhorn Park area)

June 23, 2010

Facts:

There were three burglaries that occurred since June 15, 2010 in close proximity of each other, both in time and location. Two were in apartments and one was a single family dwelling.

- 6/15 31x2 22nd Avenue South occurred between 1:30 am and 5:30 am
Resident was asleep when suspect entered the apartment through an unlocked front door.
Resident awoke to discover the burglary had occurred.
- 6/19-20 31x1 22nd Avenue South occurred between 11:00 pm to 2:40 am
Resident came home to discover burglary. Suspect entered through an unlocked window
and left out the front door.
- 6/21 32xx 22nd Avenue South occurred at 1:11 am
Homeowner was in his living room when he saw the suspect in the house. The suspect fled
immediately. Suspect gained entry through an open back door. Nothing was stolen.
Suspect description is 16-17 year old black male wearing a red t-shirt and Twins baseball
cap.

There were also two vehicle fires at 35xx 21st Avenue South on 6/19 at 3:42 am. Vehicles were parked in the rear of the address and arson is suspected. A third vehicle fire occurred on 6/20 at 3:20 am in the rear of 30xx 15th Avenue South. Arson is also suspected in this case.

What you can do:

- Keep your doors locked at all times—even when you are home.
- **Call 911** if you see anything suspicious.
- 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 lower-level windows. (Use secondary locks 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.
- Talk to your neighbors about these events and ask them to be alert to suspicious activity. We need everyone's help.
- If you are a victim of burglary or arson, report it immediately by calling 911. Try to remember as much suspect information as you can when you are talking to 911.
- For more information about home security and other crime prevention techniques, contact Crime Prevention Specialist Karen Notsch (612-673-2856 or karen.notsch@ci.minneapolis.mn.us).



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