




# Phillips Community Update

**Sector One - 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct - Minneapolis Police Dept.**

**March 21, 2013**

East Phillips – Midtown Phillips – Phillips West - Ventura Village Neighborhoods

## **Maybe they should have stayed home.....**

-  3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct officers took a report from a robbery victim. The victim had gone to the location to meet a prostitute he had solicited on the internet. He was subsequently robbed by her accomplice at gunpoint, losing his wallet and phone.
-  A sixteen year old was arrested after dark, in a stolen vehicle, on Hiawatha. The suspect was driving without headlights on.
-  3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct officers did a narcotics search warrant in the area of Chicago and 25<sup>th</sup>. Narcotics were recovered and the occupant/owner was arrested. This case will be referred to the county attorney for a state nuisance law violation which could eventually lead to the owner being deprived of the use of the property for one year.

## **Police Crime Alert from the Richfield PD**

Old Scam Resurfaces: The Pigeon Drop

Posted Date: 3/21/2013

Recently, a Richfield senior was approached in the Rainbow Foods parking lot by a black female driving a navy blue Dodge Caravan. TUV835. The suspect is described as 45 to 50 years old, 5'4", 160 pounds, straight gray hair, and wearing a medium length purple coat. The suspect wore lots of jewelry and was well dressed.

The suspect showed the victim a medium sized package and said that she was a courier. She claimed she was trying to deliver the package but couldn't because the address was bad. She stated the post office informed her it would go into the dead letter file and would not be delivered.

The suspect asked the victim to sit in her car and use her phone to call her boss regarding the package. She then requested a ride to a nearby bank. The suspect indicated that she went in to see her boss and came back out and said that there was a lot of money in the package and child pornography. She was told by her boss that no one would claim it because they would go to prison if they did. The suspect informed the victim that they could split the \$170,000 in cash plus some bonds. She also stated they both needed to get \$12,000 each for "fees."

The suspect and victim drove to several banks in order to obtain money from the victim's accounts. The suspect never entered any of the financial institutions, and at the last bank, disappeared with the package and \$8000 in cash.

**Always be very cautious when approached by someone with a scheme to get rich quick. If it sounds to "too good to be true" it almost certainly is!**

**Questions: Contact CPS Don Greeley at 673-3482**

**Or**

**[donald.greeley@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:donald.greeley@minneapolismn.gov)**