

Police Advisory

Burglary Alert for the Tangletown Neighborhood

July 14, 2016

There have been 5 reported burglaries since 7/11/2016, in a 2-3 block area in the Tangletown neighborhood. The burglaries occurred overnight between the hours of 10pm and 6am, while the homeowners were asleep. In three incidents the burglar was unable to make entry into the home, because the windows and doors were locked. Entry was made in the other burglaries through an unlocked window and in one case, pry marks were found on the side door.

If you have any information that could lead to a suspect on these burglaries, please contact our property crimes investigator Sgt. Warnberg at (612) 673-5599.

Home Security Prevention Tips.

- **Lock your home, apartment, and garage doors and windows at all times**, even if you are in the home or yard.
- Do not leave valuables in plain sight. This includes laptops, purses, wallets, keys, and anything else that may contain personal information. Remember: Treat your garage door opener as a key to your property.
- **Record the make, model, and serial numbers on your valuables** and keep in a safe place. This information can greatly assist in recovery of items. Photographs may also be of assistance.
- Secure windows and doors in homes and garages.
 - Use deadbolt locks with at least a 1" throw on all exterior doors. Use 6" strike plates and 3" case-hardened screws that enter the studs behind the doorframe.
 - Pin or add auxiliary locking devices to windows and sliding glass doors.
 - Place an opaque material over garage windows.
 - Install a solid core door with a deadbolt on garage service door.
 - Secure overhead garage door tracks with a padlock.
 - Consider installing security film on windows near or on doors to prevent access to door locks via breaking a window.
- Consider using timers on lights, radios and/or a TV when you are away from home.
- If you have a security system, use it even while at home. Dogs can be a deterrent as well.
- Know who is in your home; service providers and contractors should do background checks on their employees.

How to report a burglary:

- Call 911 to report a burglary, whether or not you witness the burglary in progress. Note missing items, suspect description, tools, objects, or DNA evidence left at scene, possible time and date of occurrence, video surveillance, etc.

See <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimeprevention/index.htm> for additional tips and resources.

Call 911 on all suspicious activity including suspicious persons and vehicles loitering near homes and in alleyways, or unfamiliar noises such as breaking glass.

Contact your Crime Prevention Specialist for additional prevention information.

See go.usa.gov/xx9ee or call 311 / 612.673.3000 to find your CPS by neighborhood.

