

# Informational Alert

4/24/2020

Since 3/1/2020 – 4/20/2020 there has been 30 bicycle thefts in the First Precinct.

- The incidents have been primarily in the North Loop and Loring Park communities.
- Eighteen of these incidents have been in the last week.
- Fifteen have taken place at 5 locations over this time period.

Please be aware.



- One suspect in these incidents has been identified, arrested and charged although he is currently NOT being held.
- Tips for residents and management are located on the back of this sheet.
- Questions or concerns can be directed to the First Precinct at **612-673-5701** or email CPS [renee.allen@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:renee.allen@minneapolismn.gov)



## Residents

- ✓ In large multi-unit buildings with underground parking, the overhead garage door is the greatest vulnerable access point. Pay attention when entering or exiting the parking area. Access Controlled does not mean "secure". The best security comes from a coordinated effort by all residents to be aware of your surroundings, **LOCK** up your belongings and report suspicious activity (as it is occurring) to 911. Give good suspect and behavior descriptions. Please report all incidents of theft, where no evidence has been left behind by calling 311 (612-673-3000) or online <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/report/ereport/index.htm>
- ✓ Make sure ALL security doors shut and lock behind you. Do not prop doors, do not allow individuals to follow you in and do not buzz unknown people into your building.
- ✓ Record the make, model, description (color or unusual, distinguishing marks) and serial number of your bicycle. Take a photo.
- ✓ Be aware of your package deliveries and pick them up immediately.
- ✓ Do not leave anything of value or perceived value visible in your vehicle, your garage stall or storage locker. Invest in sturdy locks or bring your bike and/or valuables into your unit. Keep unit doors locked at all times.
- ✓ Notify Management of any incidents, or damage you see within the property.

## Management

- ✓ Ensure that garage entrances, storage areas and outside doors are secure and are in good, locking condition. Update your access cards or FOBs to include only current tenants. Establish outside food delivery protocol.
- ✓ Check that all surveillance cameras are working properly and that you know how to export video or images for investigational purposes.
- ✓ Verify that your surveillance system is adequate for your needs. If the quality is poor consider a digital upgrade or add lighting. When you call 911, make sure video evidence can be downloaded and available to officers.
- ✓ Use reminders to all tenants (and their guests) to remove items from vehicles and to secure other belongings especially bicycles in designated parking areas and storage lockers. Use good quality locks.
- ✓ Check/upgrade lighting throughout your structure.
- ✓ Implement a secure package holding area and delivery/pick-up protocol.
- ✓ Request a Premise Survey from MPD. [Renee.allen@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Renee.allen@minneapolismn.gov)