



First Precinct  
Neighborhood Alert  
For Church Hill and Church Hill North  
Lieutenant James J. Laino

**CRIME ALERT** - Church Hill and Church Hill North  
residents.

Since the beginning of July your neighborhoods have experienced a significant increase in burglaries and thefts related to motor vehicles. This month alone 14 residents were burglarized and 13 vehicles were broken into. Of the 14 residential burglaries, some of the homes are currently being renovated and the others are occupied. With the help of citizens we have been able to obtain a description of two possible suspects. According to witnesses one of the two suspects would knock on doors or ring door bells, if someone answered they would ask to cut their lawn. If there was no answer, the suspects would leave the area. Shortly after, he would return and knock on the door a second time. If there was no answer on the second attempt, the suspect(s) would enter the home by either kicking in the rear door or breaking out a window. These incidents are occurring all of the days of the week to include weekends between the hours of 10:00 am and late afternoon. The suspects are taking small electronics, televisions and tools. As far as the vehicles, the suspect(s) are smashing the passenger side window and removing items from the left inside the interior. These crimes are mainly occurring during the early morning hours and are not believed to be related to the residential burglaries.

You can help by staying watchful over your street and reporting any suspicious activity or persons; specifically men walking throughout the neighborhood and knocking on doors asking to cut grass. With the increased police presence and your support, I am confident we can impact the current crime trends.

**Suspect descriptions in recent residential burglaries:**

- Black male, 30-40 years old, hair braided and carrying a red back pack.

oBlack male, 30-40 years old, 6' - 6'2" tall, medium to dark complexion, stocky build and a bald head.

The two individuals may not always be together.

**Here are some safety tips:**

**Burglaries:**

- oMake sure you always lock your doors and windows when you leave home.
- oIf you are working in the rear yard, be sure to lock your front door.
- oDon't leave items out that can be used to gain entry through a window, such as ladders.
- oKeep shrubs and trees trimmed.
- oMake sure sheds and outbuildings are always locked.
- oGet to know your neighbors - if you work during the day and they work during the night, keep a watch on each others property and exchange contact numbers in case there is an emergency.
- oDon't leave items unsecured in your yard such as bikes and lawn mowers; this sometimes invites criminals onto your property.
- oNotify the Police Dept if you are going on vacation or out of town on business.

**Thefts related to motor vehicles:**

- oAlways keep your vehicle locked.
- oDon't leave your car running or spare keys inside your vehicle.
- oTake personal items in your home or secure in the trunk.
- oInform your guests about leaving items in the interior of their vehicles.

Call 646-5100 to report suspicious activity.

Sincerely,  
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