

WESTERN SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT



CRIME ALERT

Western Springs, IL - Date: July 27, 2016

The Western Springs Police Department is currently investigating six motor vehicle burglaries and one motor vehicle theft. The first two motor vehicle burglaries occurred between 9:00 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 2016, and 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 2016, in the 5000 block of Lawn Avenue. The third and fourth motor vehicle burglaries occurred between 9:00 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 2016, and 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 2016, in the 5000 block of Woodland Avenue. The fifth motor vehicle burglary occurred between 9:00 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 2016, and 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 2016, in the 5100 block of Central Avenue. The sixth motor vehicle burglary occurred between 9:00 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 2016, and 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 2016, in the 800 block of Elm Street.

- The unknown offender(s) entered through an unlocked door and removed a cellular telephone, jewelry, keys, cash, and personal identification that were in plain view.

The motor vehicle theft occurred between 8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 26, 2016, and 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 2016, in the 800 block of Elm Street.

- The motor vehicle theft occurred when an unknown offender(s) entered through an unlocked door and gained access to vehicle. Once inside of the vehicle the unknown offender (s) located the keys to vehicle on the center console.

Don't be an easy target:

- Keep all vehicle doors and windows closed and locked at all times, even during quick errands. Lock the trunk, hatchback or tailgate to block access into your vehicle. Close all vents or wing windows and sunroofs. Always take your keys with you.
- If your vehicle has a built in security system, use it. If you don't have a security system installed, it is worth the investment. It may also qualify you for a discount on your auto insurance.
- Remove visible items (cash, wallet, purse, MP3 players, iPods and cell phones) from the vehicle or place them in the trunk. If you leave items visible in your vehicle, you are a target. Don't forget that GPS system, as these portable devices are targets too.

- Park your vehicle in an area that is visible to the public and well-lit at night. If possible, park your vehicle in the garage. If garage parking is not available, park your vehicle in the driveway and install motion-sensor security lighting on your home.

Be a good neighbor:

- A person looking into parked vehicles may be looking for a vehicle to steal or valuables left in plain view inside.
- The sound of breaking glass or car alarm could mean a vehicle break-in.
- Any vehicle without lights at night, cruising slowly, or following a course that seems aimless or repetitive is suspicious in any location. Occupants may be "casing" for a burglary.
- A person walking around pulling on car door handles may be looking for unlocked vehicles to steal from.

Residents are encouraged to call 9-1-1 immediately about any and all suspicious activity.

If anyone has any information regarding these crimes, please contact the Western Springs Investigative Division at (708) 246-8540.