

WESTERN SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT



CRIME ALERT

Western Springs, IL - Date: May 2, 2017

The Western Springs Police Department is currently investigating five (5) motor vehicle burglaries, one (1) motor vehicle theft, and one (1) recovered - previously stolen vehicle. The reported incidents all occurred between 10:00 p.m. on May 1, 2017 and 3:00 a.m. on May 2, 2017 in the northwest and northeast sections of the Village –

- 3800 to 3900 blocks of Franklin Avenue
- 4100 to 4200 blocks of Garden Avenue

In each instance, the unknown offender(s) entered vehicles that were left unlocked and parked on residential driveways.

- A gray 2007 Toyota Prius was stolen from a driveway in the 3900 block of Franklin Ave. The stolen vehicle was unlocked and the key fob was left inside the vehicle prior to the theft. The vehicle has not been located.
- Patrol Officers located and recovered an abandoned stolen vehicle in the 3900 block of Franklin Avenue which was reported stolen from the Chicago. This vehicle was a 2001 white Ford Escape.
- Five other unlocked vehicles were entered but only one vehicle owner reported an item missing which was a shipped package.

Don't be an easy target

- Keep all vehicle doors and windows closed and locked at all times. Lock the trunk, hatchback, or tailgate to block access into your vehicle. Close all windows and sunroof. NEVER leave keys inside the vehicle.
- If your vehicle has an alarm system - use it. Remove visible items (cash, wallet, purse, etc. from the vehicle. If you leave visible items in your vehicle, you are a potential target.
- Park your vehicle in an area that is visible to the public. If possible, park your vehicle in a garage.

Be vigilant

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

Residents are encouraged to call 9-1-1 to report any suspicious activity.

If anyone has any information regarding these crimes, please contact the Western Springs Investigations Division at (708) 246-1800, ext. 158.

Please follow the Western Springs Police Department's Facebook page for any new developments. The Police Department would also like to encourage residents to start a Neighborhood Watch Program in their area. Visit www.nnw.org for more information.