



WESTERN SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY ALERT

Western Springs, IL - Date: October 15, 2012

The Western Springs Police Department would like to inform residents about a recent ***Burglary & Theft*** crime trend. Since October 7, 2012, the Police Department has and is currently investigating four (4) separate incidents involving 3 motor vehicle burglaries and 1 residential burglary. In each incident, the offender(s) have targeted unlocked vehicles and the residence in question was unlocked and vacant.

The motor vehicle burglaries reportedly occurred during the late night/early morning hours and the residential burglary occurred between 10:20 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. All incidents took place in the **Forest Hills and Ridge Acres** areas of the Village.

The Police Department would like to remind residents to be extra vigilant. Please do not leave any visible items such as purses, cell phones, lap top computers, MP3 players, portable GPS units, or backpacks in the interior of a parked and unattended vehicle. Completely secure your vehicle, even if you step away for only a few minutes.

Also, remember to lock all residential first floor windows, doors, and garages whether you are home or not. If possible, utilize exterior lighting and/or motion sensors.

Please report any unusual or suspicious behavior immediately by calling the Western Springs Police Department at 708-246-8540 or if an emergency, dialing 9-1-1. Any person who has or needs additional information about these crimes is asked to contact the Western Springs Police Department.