



RIVER FOREST CRIME ALERT

Residential Burglary Pattern

The River Forest Police Department would like to make you aware of an emerging crime pattern of Residential Burglaries that have occurred during the overnight hours. The increase in these reports began in May and has continued most recently with a group of burglaries reported on June 15th and 16th. In total there were six reported residential burglaries since mid-May.

There are several similarities in this pattern. A cluster of four burglaries occurred on the 500-600 block of Keystone. A suspect has been identified in connection with one of the burglaries which occurred on May 20th, and the department is actively seeking their arrest. Although they may be linked, a separate burglary occurred on the 1300 block of Ashland and another on the 1100 block of Harlem.

Several of the reported burglaries involved unlocked doors. It appears the suspects are choosing their targets based on ease of entry. Electronics, purses and other items of value were taken in all of the burglaries.

Fortunately this type of crime is rare in River Forest; however, there are some steps you can take to protect your property. First and foremost make sure you lock your doors at night, and set your house alarm if you have one. Turn on exterior lights. Keep a phone nearby so you can call the police immediately. Record serial numbers or take photographs of high value items. Mark the items with a unique identifier that only you can identify if it is recovered. The police department will be increasing patrols overnight including unmarked tactical patrols. Please do not hesitate to call 911 if you see or hear anything unusual.

If you would like more information about the above mentioned tips or information about how you can protect your property please call the Crime Prevention Unit at (708) 366-7125 ext. 343. Also we ask that you encourage your neighbors to sign-up for these Crime Alerts.

Thank you

Gregory Weiss-Chief of Police