

Safety Tip of the Week

Please see the attached section at the end of this Crime Alert on “protecting your home from burglary” This is a repeat from last week but it is worth repeating because burglaries are still up in the area.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sign up for The Neighborhood Walkers Program. Here is the current schedule. Please email me to sign up.

Monday @ 8:30 p.m. Meet at Open Space: 32nd and Abell

Tuesday @ 7:30 p.m. Meet at SE corner of 31st & Charles (when JHU is in session)

Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m. Meet at SE corner of 26th and Charles

Thursday @ 7 p.m. Meet at 29th and Calvert

Friday @ 10 a.m. Meet at Terra Cafe at SE corner of 25th and St. Paul

- In-Home Safety Workshops are now being scheduled!!!!
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Special Attention:

- The week of January 24 – 30, 2010 there were 2 Home Invasion style Aggravated Assaults involving multiple suspects see below (in red). Please ensure that all property is secure when home and away. Be careful of whom you let enter your home as well.

- We are now conducting Home Safety Workshops in “YOUR HOME”. Please contact me to register to schedule your Home Safety Workshop. IT’S FREE TO ALL RESIDENTS!!!

- There was a massive graffiti attack in OLD Goucher last weekend (Jan 29 – 31). If anyone has any information in reference please contact the CVCBD Community Safety Office.

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Charles Village Crime Alert

January 24, 2010 - January 30, 2010

Aggravated Assault – 2200 blk. Guilford Ave. 1/25/10 4:10 am

Three suspects forced their way into the victim's home. Suspect #1 was armed with a hammer. The

suspects stated that they were looking for a rapist. The suspects asked the victim if she knew his

whereabouts the victim stated that she did not know the suspects searched her home and fled.

Aggravated Assault – 2200 blk. Guilford Ave. 1/25/10 4:10 am

Three suspects forced their way into the victim's home. The victim attempted to flee and was caught by the suspect. Suspect # 1 implied that he had a gun. The suspects stated that they were looking for a rapist. The suspects asked the victim if she knew his whereabouts the victim stated that she did not know the suspects damaged her TV and fled.

Burglary (Commercial) - 2400 blk. Charles St. 1/25/10 5:10 am

Property Taken: 2 Gamecubes and 25 games

An unknown suspect forced the rear window of the business located next door to gain entry. Upon entry the suspect ransacked the store and removed the listed property and fled w/ same through POE.

Burglary (Commercial) – 400 blk. E. 32nd St. 1/24/10 10:36 pm

Property Taken: Jeans and sweatshirts

An unknown suspect broke front door glass with a brick to gain entry, upon entry the suspect removed the listed property and fled with same.

Burglary (Residential) – 3100 blk. N. Calvert Street 1/24/10 3:30 am

Property Taken: None

An unknown suspect entered through an unlocked front door. The victim returned home and the suspect fled immediately through the same POE.

Burglary (Residential) – 2600 blk. N. Charles Street 1/26/10 7:00 am – 3:30 pm

Property Taken: Numerous and various Sexual Aids

An unknown suspect broke a small window and then reached in to unlock the front door. Upon entry

the suspect removed the above listed property and fled the location through the front door.

Burglary (Residential) – 200 blk. E. 33RD Street 1/27/10 12:02 pm -12:23 pm

Property Taken: None

An unknown suspect climbed the fire escape and entered through an unlocked rear window. The suspect did not remove any property, fled through the same POE.

Burglary (Commercial) – 2400 blk. Maryland Ave. 1/26/10 3:00 am – 8:00 pm

Property Taken: TV

An unknown suspect forced open the front door of the location to gain entry. The suspect then removed the above listed property and fled through the same POE.

Burglary (Residential) – 400 blk. E. Lorraine Ave. 1/28/10 3:00 pm - 7:50 pm

Property Taken: \$790, Camera

An unknown suspect forced open the basement door to gain entry. The suspect then ransacked the home, removed the listed property and fled through the rear door.

Larceny/Auto - 400 blk. W. 28TH Street 1/30/10 12:01 Am – 1:00 pm

Property Taken: MD Tag 5FDP40

Taken from a 2004 Lexus

Larceny/Auto – 100 blk. W. 29TH Street 1/26/10 2:30 pm

Property Taken: Garmin GPS Serial #1NP2137776

Taken from 2002 Chevy (Broken Vehicle Window)

Larceny/Auto – 2800 blk. Guilford Ave. 1/28/10 5:00 pm – 12:00 am (next day)

Property Taken: CD Player

The suspect broke the driver's side window to the victims 1999 Nissan Maxima and removed the above listed property. No Witnesses.

USEFUL Links

V.I.N.E Link (Victim Information Notification Everyday) (Maryland):

<https://www.vinelink.com/vinelink/siteInfoAction.do?siteId=21999>

MD Criminal Injuries Compensation Board

<http://www.dpscs.state.md.us>

Baltimore Police Department

<http://www.baltimorepolice.org/>

CVCBD Community Safety Home Page

<http://charlesvillage.org/safety/>

Campus Safety and Security

Weekly Campus Crime Report

January 25, 2010 – February 1, 2010

On Campus

Thefts

Ames Hall (Room 317) – Between Jan 22nd at 7:30 PM, and Jan 23rd at 2:20 PM, a graduate student reported leaving her bracelet in an unlocked drawer. Upon returning to

her office the next afternoon her bracelet was missing. An administrative staff member stated that numerous keys had been issued to staff, faculty, students and custodians who would have access to room 317. This incident was reported Jan 25th at 11:25 AM. Investigation continuing.

- *Garland Hall (Room 385)* – A staff member reported that between the dates of Jan 22nd at 4:30PM and Jan 25th at 9:00AM, someone stole his IPod and speaker system from his desk area. This incident was reported on Jan 27th at 3:46 PM. The investigation is continuing.

- *Charles Commons*-A JHU student reports that he inadvertently left his wallet in the mail room. When the student returned the wallet containing his J-Card, cash and miscellaneous cards was missing. Investigation revealed that the student's J-Card had subsequently been used to access a washing machine at Charles Commons. This investigation is continuing.

- *Latrobe Hall 3rd floor* – On Jan. 28th between 1:00 PM and 1:50 PM, a graduate student's unattended laptop computer was taken from an unoccupied room with its door open while the owner was in the 3rd floor break room. Investigation continuing.

- *Athletic Center, baseball locker room* – On Jan. 28th between 8:00 AM and 9:00 AM, cash was taken from a senior undergraduate's wallet which was left unattended in an unlocked locker. Investigation continuing. Reported to Campus Security on Jan. 29th.

Bicycle Theft – Hodson Hall Bike Rack – On Jan. 28th between 2:45 PM and 5:28 PM, a senior undergraduate's bike was taken from the bike rack. The chain securing the bike to the rack had been cut. Investigation continuing.

Destruction of Property – Krieger Hall room 419 – Jan. 28th between 10:30 AM and 11:45 AM, the glass door was broken allowing a person to gain entry to the room. Other than the glass, there was no damage to the door itself or the door frame. It was found that a steel door leading to the area of this room had been propped open. Nothing was reported taken. Facilities Management notified. Custodian responded.

Off Campus

Burglary – 3501 St Paul St. – On Jan 26th between 6:00 PM, and 7:00 PM, a JHU graduate reported that there was a burglary at the apartment she shares with other students. The unknown person(s) entered the apartment thru an unlocked 1st floor bedroom window removed a laptop computer and external hard drive from a desk in a roommate's bedroom. The unknown person (s) entered the graduate's 1st floor bedroom near the hallway entrance and removed a laptop that was on a chair. There was one roommate in her bedroom when the burglary occurred, but heard nothing. It is unknown if the person(s) exited the 1st floor window or the apartment entrance. Investigation continuing.

Shooting/Arrest of Wanted Person- Union Memorial Hospital - On Jan 27th at approximately 8:18 PM, Baltimore Police, Warrant Apprehension Task Force Detectives approached a man wanted on a warrant who was armed with a knife in front of the

entrance area of the Union Memorial Hospital. The suspect refused to drop the knife and continued to approach the Detectives. The suspect was then tasered at which time he continued to advance on the Detectives. The suspect was shot once in the leg and taken into custody. The suspect was transported to the University Of Maryland Hospital, Shock Trauma Center and was treated and released to police.

Malicious Destruction of Property – 3211 N. Charles St. – On Jan 27th between 9:30 AM, and 10:45 PM, a JHU junior reported that someone punctured the left front tire, scratched the left front fender, and driver’s door of his vehicle. Investigation continuing.

Theft from Auto -- Unit Blk Art Museum Drive – Theft from Auto- Unit Block, Art Museum Dr. - A JHU senior reports that on Jan 27th between the hours of 12:40 PM and 2:55 PM, his vehicle’s right front window was broken and his backpack containing a laptop computer and IPod were stolen. Baltimore Police responded. The investigation is continuing.

When traveling at night use the Security Department’s escort service at 410-516-8700. Security Escort Vans are operational from 5:00 PM to 3:00AM. *All students are welcome to participate in the security ride along program.* This report is posted on <http://www.jhu.edu/~security> and distributed to the Residential Advisors.

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Protect yourself against home burglary

Whether you live in a house, a condo or an apartment, a break-in can permanently shatter your feeling of security at home.

According to FBI statistics, a house, apartment or condominium is burglarized once every 15 seconds. Fortunately, burglary is probably the most preventable of crimes. By taking a few simple precautions, you can dramatically reduce the risks. Of course, every home and every situation is different, and there are no guarantees. The first step is to determine what kind of threat you are trying to protect against. For example, defending against personal threats, such as assault, requires different measures than defending against burglary. Most home burglars do not give great amounts of thought to planning the job and assessing the benefits vs. dangers, but understanding how they choose a target can go a long way in reducing your chances of being a victim.

Most burglars look for:

- Something worth stealing
- Easy access combined with low visibility
- A home that is unoccupied
- Did you know? More residential burglaries occur during the day because homes tend to be vacant more often.

How to prevent break-ins:

Fool them by making your home look occupied all the time

- Use automatic timers on lights when away from home.
- Always park your cars in the garage with the garage door shut. A burglar may otherwise notice a pattern that a closed garage door or no cars in the driveway means no one is home. Closing the garage door and having curtains or blinds on the garage windows also hides some of your belongings.

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- Lower the sound of your telephone ringer and answering machine so that they can't be heard outside.
- Never leave notes on your door that can tip off burglars.

When away for more than a day:

- If possible, have your telephone calls forwarded when you are away from home. Burglars sometimes check to see if someone is home by making a telephone call.
- Have a trusted neighbor pick up the mail and newspaper. If possible, do not have either stopped. That gives information

about you being away from home to others whom you do not know.

- If away for an extended period, have a plan in place to have the grass mowed or snow shoveled.
- If you are away from home on garbage pickup day, ask a trusted neighbor to put your garbage cans out to the street and take them back in. You may wish to have your neighbor use your garbage cans while you are out. Burglars sometimes check for empty cans as a sign the family is away.
- There are systems available that will open and close window draperies by timer. Constantly open or closed curtains can tip the burglar off that no one is home.
- Even if you don't need specific help, always tell a trusted neighbor if you are going to be gone for a few days.
- If you are going to be gone for an extended period, ask your local police to check your home periodically.

In short, make your house look the same whether you are away or at home.

Eliminate hiding places

- Make sure there is good lighting around the place where you park.
- Install motion detector lights around your house instead of just leaving lights on at night. The lights coming on and turning off attract the attention of neighbors. Install these lights at least 8 feet above the ground so they are more difficult to disable.
- Install the motion detector lights so they light all doors and windows. Doors, since they are the preferred entry point, should be the first priority to illuminate, followed by windows.
- Remove bushes and shrubs from around the house, especially under windows and next to doors. Keep your yard free of overgrowth.
- If you DO have shrubs and bushes, select ones with thorns to deter potential intruders from hiding in them.
- Install a security alarm system with a loud alarm and/or flashing lights. This will attract the attention of neighbors. If you install an alarm, display the decals, and remember to test the system periodically.

Use common sense caution

- Always lock all doors and windows when you leave the house.
- Use a peephole to identify visitors before opening your door.
- Do not hide spare keys outside your home. Instead give one to a trusted neighbor.
- Do not provide your house keys to service people.
- Do not invite strangers into your home.
- Do not have money or jewelry lying out in view from a window. If possible, keep jewelry and other small valuables and important documents in a safe deposit box.
- Do not tell strangers your daily routines.
- If you are at home working outside, leave all other doors that are out of sight locked.
- Avoid telling others about the valuables in your home.

- If you have children, discuss home security with them, such as not talking with strangers about their home, its contents or family schedules.

Make your home a harder target

Did you know? The average burglar will spend no more than four to five minutes trying to break into a residence.

- When moving into a new residence, have the locks changed.
- Consult a good locksmith to make sure you have the correct types of locks on your doors and windows.

Secure your exterior doors and any doors from attached garages by installing:

- Good quality deadbolt door locks
- Security-type door strikes
- Strong, properly installed doors and doorframes that cannot be spread apart
- Security-type hinges
- Secure your windows by installing additional locks and installing impact-resistant glass on any windows within 42" of a door lock. This will make it more difficult to break the glass, reach in, and unlock the lock.
- Prune lower branches of trees near your house if they could help a burglar gain access to a second story window.
- Secure your patio door with a pin-type lock, a key lock, or a steel rod inserted into the door channel.
- Secure your garage by installing automatic openers or bolt-type locks on each end of the garage doors.

Take time to become knowledgeable about your situation and your options so that you can best decide what to do. And remember, you can also ask your local police department for advice.

Inventory and mark your belongings.

Mark your belongings with an engraving pen so that they can be traced and return them to you if stolen. These pens are usually available at your local police station. Ask your police department what numbers to use when marking your belongings. Never mark them with your social security number.

Be a good neighbor

- Organize a cookout or other apartment or neighborhood get together so neighbors can get to know one another.
- Organize or participate in an Apartment Watch or Neighborhood Watch program.
- Arrange for a local police officer to complete an apartment security survey, or educate your neighborhood about specific safety concerns.
- If you are an apartment dweller, notify management if you notice burned out light bulbs, dark corridors, broken locks on mailboxes and doors and/or other safety concerns.
- Call the police immediately if you see suspicious activity in your neighborhood.