

Safety Tip of the Week

Please see below for safety tips on protecting your car from theft and vandalism.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sign up for The Neighborhood Walkers Program
 - The Safety Advisory Committee meets Wednesday March 3, 2010 @ 3pm 2434 Saint Paul Street (CVCBD Conference Room). Open to all residents.
 - In-Home Safety Workshops are now being scheduled!!!! Please sign up today!!!!
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Special Attention:

The “In-Home Safety Workshops” are being scheduled. Please take advantage and contact us to sign up. With the workshop you will receive a special “Home Safety Audit”. Don’t delay, March registration is open. This is a necessary and helpful service.

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Crime Alert

February 14, 2010 - February 21, 2010

Arson – 2500 blk. Guilford Ave. 2/15/10 11:00 pm

An unknown suspect set fire to the victim's Hyundai Elantra MD Tag 7FRK55. No injuries reported.

Armed Robbery – 3200 blk. Saint Paul St. 2/17/10 9:12 pm

Property Taken: Laptop, Bag, Credit Card, ID

An unknown suspect approached the victim and pulled out a silver handgun from his waistband and stated “give me the bag and there would be no problem”. The victim complied the suspect fled with the above listed property and fled w/b towards Charles St.

Armed Robbery (Commercial) - 2300 blk. N. Charles St. 2/18/10 6:30 pm

Property Taken: \$180 US Currency

The suspect walked into the establishment and ordered a pizza upon the cashier advising him of the price the suspect swung a shovel at the victim. The suspect then jumped onto the counter and removed the above listed currency and fled.

Burglary (Commercial) – 2300 blk. N. Charles St. 2/16/10 1:40 am

No Property Taken

The suspects were observed on video surveillance attempting to gain entry by damaging the front door and window. The suspects were unsuccessful and fled the location.

Burglary (Commercial) – 2400 blk. N. Howard Street 2/17/10 4:30 pm – 6:00 am

Property Taken: Multiple rolls of copper wire, Hydraulic Pump, Several Tools no Ser #'s

The suspect removed the above listed property from several locations inside of the business that is being remodeled. The suspect fled the location, no witnesses.

Burglary (Commercial) – 3300 blk. Greenmount Ave 2/14/10 1:00 am

Property Taken: Unknown

An unknown broke the front door glass to gain entry. Once inside the suspect ransacked the location and fled through same POE.

Larceny/ Auto – 3200 blk. N. Calvert St. 2/18/10 12:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Property Taken: HP Laptop, Black Leatherbound Notebook, Verizon 3G Card, HP Car Charger, RHS Security Card

An unknown suspect broke the driver side window to the victims 2009 Ford Taurus and removed the above property.

Larceny/Auto – 200 blk. W. 29TH St. 2/19/10 6:00 pm- 8:00 am

Property Taken: GPS System

An unknown suspect broke the driver side window to the victims 2009 Dodge Charger and removed the above property.

Larceny/ Auto – 3000 blk. Barclay Street 2/19/10 10:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Property Taken: Garmin GPS

An unknown suspect opened the unlocked door to the victims 2004 Volvo S60 and removed the above property.

Larceny /Auto – 2700 blk. Barclay St. 2/19/10 8:00 pm – 11:00 am

Property Taken: JVC Radio CD player

The suspect entered the unsecured door of the victims 1983 Mercury and removed the above listed property.

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/>

Baltimore City Government Health and Safety

<http://baltimorecity.gov/Residents/HealthSafety/4StepsToFightingCrime.aspx>

Campus Safety and Security

Weekly Campus Crime Report

February 15, 2010 – February 22, 2010

On Campus

Theft – *Mattin Center (Office of the Dean of Students)* – On Feb 15th between 3:00 PM and 7:40 PM, a JHU senior reported that while on duty as a monitor, someone removed a small wallet from her purse that contained \$20.00 cash, a credit card, J-card and other membership cards. All cards have been canceled. Investigation continuing.

Theft – *Recreation Center (Equipment Room Check-Out Counter)* – On Feb. 16th between 6:50 PM, and 7:55 PM, a JHU freshman reported her J-Card had been stolen. The student checked out a basketball, leaving her J-Card on the counter; person(s) unknown removed the card. The area was checked with negative results and the J-Card was cancelled. Investigation continuing.

3 ARRESTED (Non-Affiliates) – Theft and Assault – *Charles Street Market, 3339 N. Charles St.* – On Feb. 18th an employee of the Charles Street Market located a lost J-card

belonging to a student and placed it in the store manager's office for safe keeping. The card was stolen from the office shortly thereafter.

On Feb. 21st at 6:02 PM, two female suspects and one male suspect entered the Charles Street Market and purchased \$314 worth of merchandise on the stolen J-Card. While the suspects were in the store, an employee recognized the card was stolen and notified Campus Security. Campus officers and off-duty Baltimore Police officers working for JHU responded and the three suspects were arrested on theft charges. One of the females was also charged with assaulting a Baltimore Police officer while he was investigating the incident at the market.

Off Campus

ARREST-Armed Robbery – Corner E. 32nd & St. Paul St. (west side) – Feb. 17th at 9:15 PM, a JHU undergraduate was approached by a male armed with what appeared to be a handgun while on the northwest corner of 32nd Street at St. Paul Street. The male demanded the student give him her backpack. The student complied and the male fled west on 32nd Street towards North Charles Street. The backpack contained the student's purse, debit card, J-card, I-Pod and laptop computer. There were no injuries.

Baltimore Police later arrested a male on unrelated charges matching the description of the suspect in this case. He was in possession of the undergraduates J-card and debit card and I-Pod. He was also in possession of a BB pistol. 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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How can I protect myself from vehicle theft?

According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), a vehicle is stolen every 26 seconds in the United States.

Learn to reduce your risksSecure your vehicle:

- **Lock your garage at home.**
- **Park in well-lit areas.**
- **Roll your windows up completely and when parked.**
- **Always lock your vehicle.**
- **Consider installing a vehicle alarm or other theft protection device.**
- **Never leave your vehicle unattended while the engine is running.**

Secure your property:

- **Always hide valuables**
- **Never hide a second key in or on your car**

When parking in a driveway or parking lot follow these rules:

- **If front-wheel drive, pull in forward and set your emergency brake.**
- **If rear-wheel drive, back into the space and set the emergency brake.**

When buying a new vehicle consider looking for:

- **A factory immobilizer (computer chip in the key)**
- **A locking steering wheel**
- **Other anti-theft devices such as an alarm**

Always report any suspected theft activity to the police.