

Safety Tip of the Week

Please see the attached section at the end of this Crime Alert on “protecting your home from burglary”.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- **The week of January 17 – 23, 2010 there was a total of 13 burglaries. Majority of the crimes involved unlocked doors and windows. Do not allow yourself to be an easy victim. We are offering 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 string of destruction of property incidents in the 3000 block of St Paul Street on January 24, 2010 (shortly after midnight). There were multiple vehicles. According to a source all victims have not come forth. If you or anyone you know may have been involved please contact the CVCBD Safety Program so this information may be directed to the appropriate parties.**

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Charles Village Crime Alert

January 17, 2010 - January 23, 2010

Aggravated Assault – 2900 blk. N. Calvert Street 1/18/10 11:15 am

Property Taken: Kool-Aid

Suspect #1 was inside the store and was recognized as the person who committed a larceny on 1/16. The store owner attempted to detain him. Subsequently a struggle ensued with suspect #1 which went outside the store where suspect #2 swung a knife in an attempt to free suspect #1 from the store owner. Both suspects were arrested.

Aggravated Assault – 2200 blk. Saint Paul St. 1/23/10 10:30 pm

The victim and suspect were involved in an altercation, when the suspect pushed the victim through a window. The victim was injured by glass as a result of falling through the window.

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Burglary (Commercial) - 2400 blk. Saint Paul St. 1/18/10 3:10 am

Property Taken: Various Meats and Cheeses

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

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Burglary (Residential) – 300 blk. E. 30th St. 1/18/10 4:30 pm- 8:00 pm

Property Taken: \$40, Laptop An unknown suspect climbed the fire escape to the 3rd floor and forced open a rear window to gain entry. The suspect removed the above listed property and fled w/ same.

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Burglary (Residential) – 2700 blk. Maryland Ave. 1/20/10 9:30 am – 8:30 pm

Property Taken: \$10

An unknown suspect entered through an unlocked rear window. The suspect removed the above listed property and fled w/ same through rear door.

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Burglary (Residential) – 2700 blk. Maryland Ave. 1/20/10 9:00 am – 8:15 pm

Property Taken: \$10, Laptop

An unknown suspect entered through an unlocked rear window. The suspect removed the above listed property and fled through the window. Crime Lab requested.

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Burglary (Residential) – 3200 blk. Guilford Ave. 1/20/10 2:30 pm -10:30 pm

Property Taken: Television, Laptop

An unknown suspect climbed the fire escape and entered through an unlocked rear window. The suspect then removed the above listed property and fled through the same POE.

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Burglary (Residential) – 2400 blk. Maryland Ave. 1/19/10 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Property Taken: Computer w/ Serial #CND5260MRL

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

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Burglary (Residential) – 2900 blk. St. Paul St. 1/19/10 6:45 pm - 9:00 pm

Property Taken: Laptop w/ Serial #4H53621USEZ, IPOD Touch, Camera, and Computer

An unknown suspect entered through an unlocked rear window. The suspect removed the listed property and fled through rear door.

Burglary (Commercial) – 500 blk. E. 33rd Street 1/19/10 1:20 am

Property Taken: BB Gun, Knife, Keys 2003 Ford Escape w/o Tags

An unknown suspect broke garage door glass to gain entry. Once inside the suspect removed the above listed property and fled through garage door.

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Burglary (Residential) – 2900 blk. Saint Paul Street 1/22/10 1:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Property Taken: Dell Inspiron Laptop, IPOD, IPOD Alarm clock, Blue Purse w/ AMEX Card, Visa Card Black Fossil Wallet

The suspect opened the bathroom window off the fire escape and entered. Once inside the suspect removed the above listed property and fled through a rear door. No Witnesses.

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Burglary (Residential) – 200 blk. E. 22ND Street 1/19/09 4:00 pm- 2:10 pm (next day)

Property Taken: 32” Flat Screen TV, Sony DVD Player

An unknown suspect entered the victim’s room in a boarding house and removed the above listed property. No Witnesses.

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Burglary (Residential) – 2600 blk. N. Calvert St. 1/17/10 4:45 pm – 5:00 pm

Property Taken: Laptop, Serial # 73942L0C66E

An unknown suspect entered and exited through unknown POE’s and removed the above listed property.

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Burglary (Residential) – 300 blk. E. 30TH St 1/18/10 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Property Taken: TV Serial # BZ3A0737530490

An unknown suspect climbed the fire escape to access the 2nd floor. The suspect entered through a rear window and removed the above listed property and fled w/ same.

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Burglary (Residential) – 3200 blk. Greenmount Ave 1/21/10 10:30 pm – 2:59 am (next day)

Property Taken: Money Pouches containing \$437.50

The suspect climbed to the roof and kicked in a window A/C unit. The suspect reached in and stole the above property and fled w/ same. No witnesses.

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Larceny/Auto - 2600 blk. Saint Paul Street 1/19/10 12:10 pm – 1:10 pm

Property Taken: Valentine Radar Detector

An unknown suspect broke the passenger side window to the victims 2000 Jaguar and removed the above listed property.

Larceny/Auto – 2200 blk. Hargrove Street 1/21/10 4:00 pm

Property Taken: MD Tag 16X925

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Larceny/Auto – 2700 blk. Saint Paul Street 1/18/10 7:00 pm – 7:30 am (next day)

Property Taken: Navigator Portable GPS, 32 GB IPOD, Verizon Cell Phone Charger

The suspect broke the driver's side window to the victims 2000 Toyota Tacoma and removed the above listed property. No Witnesses.

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Larceny/Auto – 2500 blk. Maryland Ave. 1/23/10 9:00 pm – 12:01 am (next day)

Property Taken: Ladies Black Bag, Purple Cloth wallet w/ various credit cards, personal ID, Garmin GPS.

The suspect broke the driver's side window to the victims 2008 Toyota, NJ Tag and removed above listed property.

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Larceny/Auto – 2600 blk. N. Calvert Street 1/17/10 4:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Property Taken: Garmin GPS System Serial # 1Q6695425

Taken from 2008 Toyota (No Synopsis Given)

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Larceny/Auto – 100 blk. W 26TH Street 1/17/10 6:30 pm – 1:00 am (next day)

Property Taken: Garmin GPS System

Taken from 2002 Ford (No Synopsis Given)

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Larceny/Auto – 2500 blk. N. Howard Street 1/23/10 9:00 pm – 10:45 pm

Property Taken: DVD Player

Taken from 2003 Toyota (No Synopsis Given)

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 19, 2010 – January 25, 2010

On Campus

Theft – *Mattin Offit Center* – On Jan 19th between 6:00 PM, and 8:45 PM, a non-affiliate reported leaving her purse in the hallway outside of room 161 and an unknown person removed a wallet containing cash, credit cards and a driver's license from her purse. The building was open at the time of the incident which would give any one access to the property and area. All credit cards were cancelled by the non-affiliate, but there had been some activity on them prior to the cancellation. Investigation continuing.

Off Campus

Burglary – *3200 blk. Guilford Ave. (even side)* – On Jan 20th between 2:15 PM and 10:34 PM, two graduate students were house sitting. Both students left for work, and when they returned, they discovered that the apartment had been ransacked. The second floor windows in the rear bedroom were found open which connect directly to the fire escape. Further investigation revealed that a flat screen TV and a desktop computer were missing. Baltimore Police and Campus Officers responded. Investigation continuing.

2 ARRESTS – Attempt Armed Robbery – *300 Blk. E. 33rd St.* – On Jan. 23rd at 10:42 PM, an Allied Barton patrol vehicle's approach interrupted a gunpoint robbery attempt on three sophomore undergraduates. On seeing the patrol vehicle approaching, the two robbers fled on foot in different directions. Campus officers located one suspect and detained him. Baltimore Police pursued and apprehended the other suspect. Both suspects were positively identified and arrested. The handgun was not found on either of the suspects. A search of the area for the handgun was negative. Investigation continuing.

3 STUDENTS ARRESTED – Theft and Assault on a Police Officer – *3000 Blk. St. Paul St.* – On Jan. 24th at 12:59 AM, Baltimore Police arrested three undergraduates who ran from a taxicab without paying their fare. The three students, one freshman and two sophomores, were charged with theft of services; one sophomore was charged with assault on a police officer after hitting the police officer with her shoe.

Prowler – *300 Blk. E. University Parkway (odd-numbered side)* – On Jan. 22nd at 6:29 PM, an undergraduate student heard a noise and then noticed an unknown male standing on a rear 2nd floor porch. When the suspect saw he was being observed, he pulled himself up onto the roof and fled in an unknown direction. Baltimore Police and campus officers responded and searched the rooftops and area with negative results.

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.**

- **Place radios on automatic timers and raise the volume so they can be heard outside.**

- **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.**