

Safety Tip of the Week

Protecting Your Identity

It's scary to think that almost every piece of paper you throw away could put you at risk. You can protect yourself, though. And it's easier than you think.

The best way to ensure that dumpster diving thieves don't gather enough information about you to steal your identity is to shred every piece of paper that you throw away. Shredding something doesn't mean to tear it into little pieces. It's also not wise to use a straight-cut shredder.

Straight-cut shredders cut paper only length-wise. With enough time and patience, a dumpster diver can put the pieces of your document back together, much like putting a jigsaw puzzle together. Your best protection is a cross-cut shredder. Cross cut shredders cut both length-wise and width-wise, creating confetti out of your personal information that is too difficult and time consuming for criminals to put it back together.

Dumpster diving is more a threat than you may realize. It's easy for criminals to get at your personal information if you just throw it away. So protect yourself. Shred everything.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sign up for The Neighborhood Walkers Program**
- The Safety Advisory Committee meets Wednesday April 7, 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!!!!**

Special Attention:

Last week, February 24, the CVCBD conducted a survey of potholes in the District and sent the results to the City. We will be monitoring the City's progress toward filling them in. As of March 7, the City had filled in 7 of the 186 potholes we identified.

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Charles Village Crime Alert

February 21, 2010 - February 27, 2010

Robbery (Unarmed) – 400 blk. E 33rd Street 2/26/10 11:45 pm

Property Taken: The victim was at the bus-stop when unknown suspects approached her and began to converse with her. The victim ignored the suspects until the bus arrived. The suspects grabbed her by her hair and took her cell phone and, fled on foot E/B on 33RD Street.

Armed Robbery (Attempt) – 2500 blk. N Calvert St. 2/26/10 5:00 pm

Property Taken: None Listed

Unknown suspects approached the victim and asked for the time. When the victim replied the suspects then punched him and struck him the arm with a brick. The suspects then fled N/B on Calvert St.

Aggravated Assault - 2700 blk. Greenmount Ave. 2/26/10 5:10 pm

The victim and suspect were arguing. The suspect then punched the victim and threatened her with a knife and a shovel. The suspect was placed under arrest.

Burglary (Commercial) – 200 blk. E. 25th St. 2/26/10 11:00 pm – 10:00 am

Property Taken: 2 Computers w/ monitors

The suspect entered the business by using a key. The suspect removed the listed property and fled the location.

Burglary (Commercial) – 3400 blk. Greenmount Ave 2/24/10 9:30 pm – 10:00 pm

Property Taken: Flute, \$175.00 Currency

The suspect forced the rear door open to gain entry. The suspect removed the above listed property. The store owner came and discovered the suspect inside and confronted him the suspect fled the location.

Burglary (Commercial) – 2600 blk. Barclay Street 2/22/10 2:30 pm – 3:02 pm

Property Taken: Unknown

The suspect forced the rear door open to gain entry, the suspect then damaged the walls and light fixtures and fled the location through the same POE.

Burglary (Commercial) – 2200 blk. N. Charles St. 2/21/10 7:00 – 1:55 pm

Property Taken: Unknown amount currency, Cigarettes, Liquor

Unknown suspect pried the front window to gain entry. The suspect then removed the listed property and fled through the same POE.

Larceny/ Auto – 2900 blk. N. Charles St. 2/22/10 8:30 pm – 6:20 am

Property Taken: Duffle bag containing various clothing and shoes

An unknown suspect broke the driver side window to the victims 2007 Chevy Aveo and removed the above property.

Larceny/Auto – 200 blk. W. 26TH St. 2/24/10 10:00 am - 5:30 am

Property Taken: GPS System, iPod, CD's, \$8

An unknown suspect broke the driver side window to the victim's 2007 Toyota and removed the above property.

Larceny/ Auto – 2700 blk. Barclay Street 2/26/10 1:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Property Taken: Garmin GPS

An unknown suspect opened the unlocked door to the victims 2010 Cadillac and removed the above property.

Larceny /Auto – 2700 blk. Saint Paul St. 2/26/10 9:30 pm – 3:00 am

Property Taken: MP3 player

The suspect forced open the vehicle door of the victims 2009 Honda and removed the above listed property.

Stolen Auto – Unit blk. W 20TH 2/26/10 7:00 pm – 8:00 am

2003 Ford Crown Victoria MD Tag 47132B

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 22, 2010 – March 1, 2010

On Campus

Theft – Athletic Center baseball locker room – On Feb. 23rd between 3:39 PM and 5:15 PM, a senior undergraduate’s gold ring was taken from an unlocked locker. The door to the locker room was unlocked. Investigation continuing.

Off Campus

ARREST- Attempted Theft – 3339 N. Charles St. (Charles Street Market) – On Feb 23rd at 7:49 PM, an Aramark Manager reported a non affiliate male was stacking up property in the freezer to carry out of the store. When the suspect was told to put the property back, he hid in the restroom, and was found in the storage room by a Campus Officer. Baltimore Police, Campus Officers and off duty Baltimore Police working for JHU responded. The property was retrieved and the suspect was arrested and charged with Attempted Theft and Trespassing.

Burglary – 300 Block E. University Pkwy – On Feb 22nd, a JHU senior reported that a high definition television was taken from his residence between 7:00 PM and 8:00 PM. During this time frame the senior was home alone on the 3rd floor and heard movement downstairs and assumed it was one of his roommates. At 8:00 PM the senior’s roommate arrived at the residence and noticed the television was missing.

An unlocked, upstairs window was found open in a 2nd floor bedroom leading to a rear porch. The rear kitchen door was also unlocked. No other items were taken and nothing else appeared to be disturbed in the residence. A Campus Officer, an off duty Baltimore Police Officer working for JHU, and Baltimore Police responded. Investigation continuing.

Theft - From Auto – 2900 blk. N. Charles St. – On Feb 23rd between 3:00 AM, and 6:10 AM, a non-affiliate reported that her parked vehicle’s front driver side window was broken out and rummaged through. A gym bag, a pair of boots, various sets of sweatpants and sweatshirts were missing from her vehicle. A Baltimore Police and a Campus Officer responded.

Common Assault – 3000 Blk. N. Charles St. (east side) – On Feb. 27th at 12:31 AM, after two sophomore undergraduates had exited the 7-Eleven store at 31st & Charles Sts. an unknown female approached them, shouted at them, “What did you say to my man?” and struck each of them once with her fist. No injuries. The suspect was last seen walking eastbound on E. 31st St. Campus officers searched the area with negative results. Baltimore Police responded. Investigation 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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