

MEMORIAL VILLAGES POLICE

CRIME ANALYSIS SUMMARY

January 24th through January 30th 2014

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BUNKER HILL

On January 24th officers responded to the 11700 block of Winshire Circle in reference to a burglary of a habitation. The burglary occurred between 8:30 pm - 9:30 pm. Items stolen during this burglary were recovered on January 25th. Items were found by a resident walking that morning. This case is currently under investigation.

On January 27th an officer responded to the 11700 block of Monica in reference to an identity theft. The victim had cellular phone lines opened using the victim's identifying information. This case is currently under investigation.

PINEY POINT

On January 24th officers responded to a residence on Tiny Trail in reference to a burglary of a habitation. The burglary occurred between 3:30 pm - 10:30 pm. Items stolen were a pair of shoes, a jacket, a necklace, and an iPad. This case is currently under investigation.

On January 29th an officer responded to the 11200 block of Tyne Ct in reference to an identity theft. The victim's bank account information was used on fake checks. This case is currently under investigation.

On January 30th an officer responded to the 100 block of Radney Road in reference to an identity theft. The victim had their credit card information stolen. This case is currently under investigation.

HUNTERS CREEK

On January 24th an officer responded to the 400 block of Hunters Park in reference to a burglary of a motor vehicle. The owner of the vehicle parked the vehicle in front of the residence 7:30 pm - 11:15 pm. The door lock on the driver's door was punched and the only property missing was a \$5 bill. This case is currently under investigation.

On January 28th an officer responded to the 500 block of Hunters Park Lane in reference to an identity theft. The victim had an account opened online in another state. This case is currently under investigation.

On January 30th an officer responded to the 10700 block of Marsha Lane in reference to a theft of a motor vehicle part. Unknown person removed the mirrors off of the victim's vehicle. The theft possibly occurred between the hours of midnight and 1 am. This case is currently under investigation.

On January 30th an officer responded to a residence on Hampton Court in reference to a theft of motor vehicle part. Unknown person removed the mirrors off of the victim's vehicle. The theft possibly occurred between the hours of midnight and 1 am. This case is currently under investigation.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Visibility can have a major effect in helping to prevent crime when properly used but can be a major contributing factor to becoming a crime victim when improperly used. This week's column will deal with how to use visibility to increase prevention and lessen your chances of becoming a crime victim.

When valuables are left in open view in unattended vehicles, open garages and unsecured and visible from the street around your home they become an invitation for criminals. The following recommendations will help protect you and your possessions.

Do not leave valuables visible inside of an unattended vehicle, lock them in a storage area or conceal them from view from outside of the vehicle.

Keep overhead garage doors closed and locked when you are not in the garage.

Do not leave sports and lawn equipment unsecured and visible from the street. When these items are not in use they should be kept in a secure storage area.

The landscaping of your home can also be a crime prevention issue. Homes that have thick overgrown shrubbery that hide windows and doorways from view provide criminals with cover they can use while attempting to make entry into your home. Trees and shrubbery should be planted and trimmed in such a way that they provide an open, clear view of your home and do not provide concealment for criminals. Certain types of plants such as Cactus and Holly can also be used to provide attractive live protective barriers around your home.

Proper lighting is also an important visibility issue. Criminals love to use the cover of darkness to hide the commission of their crimes. Properly placed lighting can be a very cost effective crime prevention tool in the protection of your home.

Driveways and porch areas should be equipped with lights that use a photoelectric switch to turn them on and off at dusk and dawn. This type of lighting is very cost effective and does not reveal when you are away from home. Proper lighting also provides a safer environment for you when you return home during nighttime hours.

Uncovered windows can provide criminals with a view of the interior of your home and its contents. It is recommended that all windows and exterior doors that have glass in them be equipped with some type of blinds or drapes. When you are away from home keep your blinds and drapes closed.

When you are away from home, use timers to turn on some interior lights and a radio or stereo at different times of the day. This will give the appearance that someone is home.

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