

Police Advisory

Central and Bryant Neighborhoods

March 27, 2009

Facts:

Since March 19, there has been a series of home burglaries occurring in the Central and Bryant neighborhoods. There is a pattern in these burglaries: suspect(s) kick or pry open the back door to enter the home. At this time, there is no suspect information.

The above-described burglaries include:

Date	Time of occurrence	Location
3/20	7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	38xx Park Ave.
3/20-22	Unknown	33xx Park Ave.
3/22	2:30 to 4:00 p.m.	39xx Park Ave.
3/23	3:30 p.m.	36xx Portland Ave.
3/25	2:00 to 4:00 p.m.	34xx Park Ave.
3/25	8:15 a.m. to 6:25 p.m.	33xx Park Ave.

What you can do:

- Watch for any suspicious activity (for example, strangers walking in yards or between houses) or sounds (breaking glass, loud banging, etc.). **Call 911.**
- **Install deadbolt locks (with a 1" throw) and a high-security strike plate (with 3" screws) on home and garage doors.** If you have glass within 42" of the door lock, consider: 1) a double-cylinder deadbolt lock; 2) tempered glass; or 3) a decorative grille over the glass.
- Screens are not adequate window protection. Lock lower-level windows. (Use secondary locks also.)
- Use window pins, track fillers, or additional locks to keep windows from being opened more than 6".
- Make your house look occupied when you are not at home. Leave a radio or TV on during the day. Leave a light on at night.
- Keep your doors locked at all times—even when you are home.
- Make your house look occupied as you leave. If no one is in the house, act as if someone is—wave or yell on the way out ("I'll be back shortly. Don't forget to do the dishes.") to give the impression that someone is still inside the house.
- **Call 911** if you see anything suspicious.
- Talk to your neighbors about this event and ask them to be alert to suspicious activity. We need everyone's help.
- If you are a victim of burglary, report it immediately by calling 911. Try to remember as much suspect information as you can when you are talking to 911.
- Inform the responding officers if you see something is out of place (a pop can or glass that the intruder may have used) or if you see something that may have been left behind by the intruder (cigarette butt, blood, clothing).
- For more information about home security and other crime prevention techniques, contact Crime Prevention Specialist Karen Notsch (612-673-2856 or karen.notsch@ci.minneapolis.mn.us).

