

# Police Advisory

**Burglary of dwelling and robbery of person**

**May 13, 2009**

## **Facts:**

From May 5 to 12, there were several burglaries and robberies of person in the Hiawatha and Longfellow neighborhoods. Two garage burglaries occurred in the area of 28xx E. 29th St. and 29xx 39th Ave. S. Five juveniles were arrested in these incidents. At this time, there is no further suspect information.

## **Hiawatha burglary of dwelling**

**44xx 46th Ave. S.:** Suspect gained entry by prying a door.

**42xx Dight Ave.:** Suspect gained entry through and unlocked window.

**37xx Snelling Ave.:** Suspect attempted entry by cutting the screen of a window.

## **Longfellow robbery of person**

**27xx E. Lake St.:** Three victims 72-94 years old were robbed by a black male who was seen panhandling in front of Rainbow Foods just before the robbery. No further description.

**30xx 30th Ave. S.:** Attempted robbery of person involving a juvenile male victim. Suspects are three black males, 20-25 years old, in a small red four-door car. A white female was driving the car.

**29xx E. Lake St.:** A 62-year-old victim walking to his car was confronted by a black male suspect who grabbed his wallet. As suspect was fleeing, the victim gave chase. The suspect pulled a weapon and threatened the victim to stop as he fled the scene.

## **Home safety tips**

- Keep your doors locked at all times—even when you are home.
- Be aware of suspicious activity or sounds such as strangers walking in yards or between houses, breaking glass, loud banging, etc. Call 911.
- 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 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.") This will give the impression that someone is still inside the house.
- Call 911 if you see anything suspicious.
- 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.

## **Personal safety tips**

- When faced with danger, trust yourself. Your single most effective weapon is your own judgment. Rely on it to respond at the time.
- Choose what action you think is the best, whether to: run; stall; not resist; verbally assert yourself; scream to attract attention; distract; divert; physically resist, negotiate.
- Always evaluate your resources and options. Continue to assess the situation as it occurs. If the first strategy chosen is not working, try another.

For more information about home security and other crime prevention techniques, contact Crime Prevention Specialist Shun Tillman (612-673-2846 or [shun.tillman@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:shun.tillman@ci.minneapolis.mn.us)).



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