

# CRIME ALERT

**Longfellow Neighborhood**

**September 14, 2009**

## **Facts:**

From September 3-12, there were three robberies of person in the area of 27th and 28th Aves. S. on E. Lake St. in the Longfellow neighborhood. One involved a weapon. These are the incidents:

- On September 3 at 9:10 p.m., an 18-year-old male was in the area of 28th Ave. S. and E. Lake St. A black male suspect (15-18 years old) approached and offered to sell "weed" to him. The victim said he didn't smoke. The suspect walked away and asked him if he wanted to fight; the victim replied, "I'm right here". The suspect then returned with four others, three black males 5'7" and a black female, 15-18 years old. They punched the victim, knocked him down, kicked him, and demanded money but the victim said he didn't have any. Suspects fled northbound on 28th Ave. S. Loss: none.
- On September 12 at 8:34 p.m., a 19-year-old male was riding his bike in the area of 27th Ave. S. and E. Lake St. when four or five unknown black male suspects on bikes jumped out from the bushes. They surrounded the victim, punched and kicked him, and demanded money and marijuana. There was no loss, as the victim did not have anything on him at the time. He was not able to get a good description of any of the suspects.
- On September 12 at 8:35 p.m., as officers were taking a report for the above incident, a 50-year-old male approached officers. He reported that two black males approached him on bikes. They were wearing dark clothes and masks. One was 15-25 years old; the other was 25-35. The younger suspect pulled a black handgun from his waist and put it to the victim's head. Both suspects demanded money. Victim handed over the loss (\$150) and the suspects fled the scene.

## **What you can do:**

Increase your use of good crime prevention techniques: awareness, alertness and avoidance. When walking:

- *Be aware of your surroundings.*
- Be especially alert to any activity near you.
- Be alert to people loitering near your parking area.
- Avoid secluded, poorly-lit areas at night.
- Plan and use the safest and most direct routes. Look confident and purposeful.
- Carry your keys and money in a pocket, not in a purse or wallet.
- Walk with a friend if possible, particularly at night.
- You do not have to respond when someone asks you for directions, the time, money, a cigarette, etc.

**If you have any questions, please contact Lt. Arthur Knight, 612-673-5788.**

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