

## New Problem: Nighttime Theft of copper downspouts

In the early morning hours (between 1:30 a.m. and 2:00 a.m.) of Friday, March 18, thieves stole copper downspouts from three homes; two of the homes were on Hesketh Street between Magnolia Parkway and Cedar Parkway, and the other was in the 5500 block of Center Street.

In two of the cases, residents heard a noise that startled them between 1:30 a.m. and 2:00 a.m., but when the noise did not recur, they went back to sleep.

Stealing copper gutters and downspouts is not a new phenomenon, but it is unusual for this crime to occur in the middle of the night when residents are at home.

As always, residents are urged to leave exterior porch/flood lights on all night long and to call the police whenever they see or hear anything suspicious.