

Friday, June 13, 2014

3 Unlocked Cars Entered Monday Night (June 9-June 10)

- **100 block of Grafton** (between Cedar and Kirkside): Car was unlocked and parked in the driveway; \$4 change stolen
- **First block of W. Irving** (between Connecticut and Magnolia): Car was unlocked and parked on the street; owner's pouch containing owner's manual and other documents taken and recovered nearby
- **Second block of W. Irving** (between Magnolia and Cedar): Car was unlocked and parked in the driveway; another owner's pouch taken and recovered

Residents are reminded to lock their cars every time they park; doing so will deny opportunities to these thieves.

Pattern of Daytime House Break-Ins in Nearby DC Neighborhoods

The below is an unedited message from Michael Reese, Commander of the 2nd District of the Metropolitan Police Department. To help you understand the relevance of his message, it is important for you to know that Chevy Chase Village abuts two of DC's Police Service Areas (PSAs): 201 and 202. In short, the DC neighborhoods closest to the Village are experiencing a problem with house break-ins during the daytime. The point of entry is a rear door or window. Commander Reese's message follows:

The Second District has an overall 7% decrease in burglary offenses year to date versus last year. Even though there has been a decrease a discernible pattern has been discovered in the upper end of the Second District (PSA's 201,202,203). The offenses are occurring during the day time hours Monday thru Friday (between 10 am and 5pm). The point of entry is through a rear door or window. Most of the residences have a privacy fence or heavy shrubs that help shield the perpetrator(s) when entry is gained. There has been general lookout of a black male about 6 feet in height possibly in his late teens. Several residents have seen a person in the rear of some of the locations just prior to or right after the offense has occurred. Unfortunately there was no 911 call and this information was learned during follow up investigations. I would like to encourage residents to call 911 when an unknown person(s) is in the rear of residences or when something just does not seem right. Usually residents have a pulse on what is going in their neighborhoods and tips usually help us make arrests. Additional resources have been dedicated to help address this issue. We are also working with surrounding jurisdictions to ensure that all information is shared and current.

Residents are advised to:

1. Keep your doors and windows locked—even when you are at home.
2. Activate your alarm system if you have one.
3. Trim shrubs and other plants so that they do not provide a safe haven for burglars.
4. Call the police immediately if you see or hear anything suspicious.