

Police Advisory

Burglaries East of Lake Nokomis

Dec. 9, 2010

Facts:

Since November 22, there have been 16 residential burglaries in an area east of Lake Nokomis and south of Minnehaha Parkway. (See attached map.) The area includes Keewaydin, Minnehaha, Wenonah and Morris Park neighborhoods.

Date & Time	Address	Neighborhood	Entry method	Items Stolen/Notes
Nov. 22 5:25pm-5:45pm	52xx 35 AV S	MINNEHAHA	Forced rear door	Interrupted
Nov. 22 10:30pm 3:45pm	52xx 46 AV S	MINNEHAHA	Forced side door	Unknown
Nov. 25 4pm-9pm	52xx 40 AV S	MINNEHAHA	Forced rear door	DVD player, \$600 (coins)
Nov. 28 2pm-7pm	56xx 42 AV S	MORRIS PARK	Forced front door	TV, laptop
Nov. 29 1:30pm-6pm	49xx 40 AV S	MINNEHAHA	No force evident	Laptop, Wii system, iPad
Nov. 30 5pm-5:14pm	52xx 35 AV S	MINNEHAHA	Broke door window	Interrupted jewelry
Dec 1 7:30am-7:30pm	38xx 55 ST E	MORRIS PARK	Forced side door	Jewelry
Dec 2 12:30pm-6pm	32xx 53 ST E	KEEWAYDIN	Forced rear door	Unknown
Dec 2 8am-6:15pm	49xx 35 AV S	MINNEHAHA	Faulty lock-no force	Jewelry, X-box
Dec 3 8am-5:55pm	53xx 45 AV S	MINNEHAHA	Forced side door	Laptop, camera
Dec 3 3:24 pm	51xx 38 AV S	MINNEHAHA	Forced rear door	Unknown
Dec 7 5:16am-5:20pm	48xx 39 AV S	MINNEHAHA	Forced front door	Jewelry (alarm tripped)
Dec 7 5:30am-6pm	55xx 31 AV S	WENONAH	Unlocked door	\$200 cash/coins
Dec 6 7:20am-4:45pm	53xx 37 AV S	MINNEHAHA	Unlocked window	TV, jewelry
Dec 8 1pm-6:20pm	54xx 25 AV S	WENONAH	Forced front door	TV, jewelry
Dec 8 8:30am-6:20pm	54xx 25 AV S	WENONAH	Forced side door	TV, laptop

Three burglaries listed above occurred between 5 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. Two were about a week apart in the 5200 block of 35th Avenue S. In both cases, an unknown male was seen fleeing the residence. He was described as a white male, 20 to 30 years of age, possibly with blond or light brown hair. He wore a gray hooded sweatshirt and white tennis shoes.

Property Crime Investigators also have learned a dark-colored, older, square cargo-style van (no windows) may be involved in the crimes. A resident spotted such a vehicle a few weeks ago near East 51st Street and 31st Ave. S. about 1:30 one morning. Two males got out; one appeared to act as a lookout and the other checked the doors of a house before they got back in the vehicle and left. They wore dark blue or black sweats and hooded sweatshirts.

Anyone loitering, looking in windows, or acting suspiciously on your block should be reported to 911 immediately. Do not hesitate to call 911 because police need to know where these suspects are operating. Your call could make the difference! Lt. Mike Sauro, head of 3rd Precinct Property Crime Investigations, warns citizens that many burglaries occur after a stranger knocks on a door to determine if anyone is home. When there's no answer, the suspect may kick in the door, break a window in the door, or slip through the yard to kick in the back door. Residents should be on the watch for unknown people loitering on neighbors' porches or walking between houses. If a strange man or woman comes to your door unexpectedly, do not let them in. Talk to them through the door and call 911 immediately to report and describe them. "You won't overload the 911 system, and you can help the police identify or arrest these criminals," says Lt. Sauro.

Thanks to good leads provided by alert neighbors, police have arrested several adults and youths.

For more information about home security and other crime prevention techniques, contact Crime Prevention Specialist Sue Roethel (612-673-2839).

If you need this material in an alternative format, please contact the Minneapolis Police Department at 612-673-2912.

