

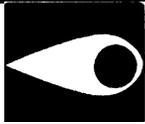
MONTHLY BURGLARY RECAP

For the Month of January 2011



Residential Burglaries - Single Family Homes

DATE	TIME OCCURRED (DAY/NIGHT/ UNKNOWN)	AREA	METHOD FE - Forced Entry/NF - Non- Forced	LOSS
01-03	D	<u>SOUTH</u> 2600 Blk Talbot Crest Dr S	FE – Broke Window	Game Console, TV, Laptop, Camera
01-09	N	16600 Blk Benson Rd S	NF – Unsecured Window	Guns, Laptop, Jewelry
01-12	D	1900 Blk Talbot Rd S	FE – Broke Window	Nothing Reported Stolen (alarm)
01-11	D	<u>SOUTHEAST</u> 10600 Blk SE 196 th St	FE – Pried Door	Jewelry
01-28	D	12000 Blk SE 166 th St	NF – Unsecured Window	MP3 Player, Video Camera, Safe, Jewelry
01-14	D	<u>SOUTHWEST</u> 200 Blk Thomas Av SW	FE – Broke Basement Win	Jewelry
01-24	D	<u>NORTH</u> 900 Blk N 28 th Pl	NF – Unknown	Laptop, MP3 Player, Cash, Rx
01-11	N	<u>NORTHEAST</u> 1400 Blk Kennewick Av NE	NF – Unknown	Chainsaw, Yard Tools
01-21	D	900 Blk Bremerton Ct NE	NF – Unlocked Window	No Entry Gained
01-14	N	<u>NORTHWEST</u> 600 Blk Stevens Av NW	FE – Broke Window	Jewelry, Laptop, TVs, Cash



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02-04	D	<u>SOUTH</u> 700 Blk S 47 th St	NF – Unknown	Jewelry, Housewares
02-09	N	700 Blk S 47 th St	NF – Open Garage	Sports Equipment
02-14	D	1700 Blk Lake Av S	FE – Broke Window	No Entry Gained
02-26	D	10400 Blk S 192 nd St	FE – Broke Slider	Nothing Reported Stolen (alarm)
02-02	D	<u>SOUTHEAST</u> 3400 Blk SE 5 th St	NF – Unknown	Game Console, Camera, Jewelry, Cellphone
02-04	D	18300 Blk 108 th Pl SE	FE – Forced Door	TVs, Game Console
02-07 to 02-08	N	2300 Blk SE 2 nd Pl	NF – Open Garage	Jewelry, E-Reader, Household Items
02-21	D	10000 Blk SE 187 th St	FE – Broke Glass Insert in Dr	Jewelry
02-21	N	19100 Blk 110 th Pl SE	FE – Forced Window	Jewelry, Laptop, Game Console
02-27	N	12500 Blk SE 172 nd St	NF – Open Garage	Work Equipment, Tools
02-09	D	<u>SOUTHWEST</u> 300 Blk Langston Rd SW	FE – Forced Door	Jewelry
		<u>NORTH</u>		
		<u>NORTHEAST</u>		
02-09 to 02-10	N	1700 Blk Monterey Av NE	NF – Keys Used	TV, Furniture, DVD Player, Surround Sound
02-22	D	800 Blk Graham Av NE	FE – Forced Window	MP3 Player, Cash
		<u>NORTHWEST</u>		
02-22	D	300 Blk Seneca Pl NW	NF – Unsecured Window	Laptop, Jewelry

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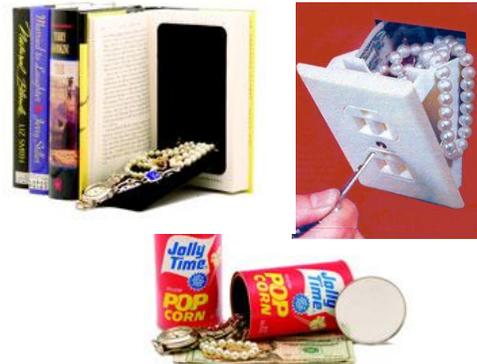
There were **10** residential burglaries during the month of January, with 0 occurring at an active Block Watch residence. **And** – there were **14** residential burglaries during the month of February, with 0 occurring at an active Block Watch residence

Hard Targeting the Inside of Your Home

Just as important as reinforcing the outside of your home, is making it difficult for a burglar to easily access your valuables inside your home if they find their way in.

Keep in mind that burglars break into houses for a living. They are ‘experts’ at it. And they know where to look for valuables. Your job is to make it very difficult for them to find items of value while inside your house. Here are some suggestions:

Jewelry: This is the #1 targeted item for burglars. Jewelry is easy to trade or pawn, and simple to conceal. You can purchase creative diversion safes online, or make them yourself if you’re feeling creative! Burglars are looking to get in and out quickly – it’s unlikely they will take the time to go through your cupboards, bookshelves, or check your outlet covers looking for these diversion safes.



Laptops: Many of us have traded out our desktop computers for laptops. And they are often left out on desks, counter tops, dining room tables, etc, when we leave the house. The best option would be to conceal the laptop completely in a location that would require effort on the burglar’s part to find it. An alternative option could be a laptop lock and cable. Yes, they can cut the cable with some effort, but again, the goal is to make it as inconvenient as possible for them. Taking the time to try and cut this cable will increase the amount of time they have to spend in your home – which in turn, increases the risk of them being caught. You can find these locks in office supply stores or you can order them online. They are *especially* useful for college students who live in dorms where the locking of doors isn’t always a priority!

Safe: Having a safe to store your valuables or important papers is a great idea. But if it's portable, a burglar will take it and hope to find a way to open it later. Also, keeping a safe in an obvious location is not recommended (i.e., bedroom closet, under a table or bed, etc.). Be creative: keep it inside an old barrel in the garage marked "dog food", or store it inside a cardboard box in the garage marked "Old Clothes" or "Cleaning Supplies". Typical burglars are normally not going to take the time to search your garage box-by-box. (If they do and your safe is missing, it's because they knew where it was at. So keep mum on it's location!)



Game Consoles: This is quickly becoming one of the most popular items stolen during residential burglaries. Since these consoles are so heavily used they are often left lying around when folks are away from home. Although not real convenient for the users, locking the console, attachments, and games in a reinforced cabinet or "cage" is highly recommended. There are also a cable-lock options, depending on your console and its construction.

Alarm System: I remain a huge proponent of alarm systems. This tool just *cannot* be beat when it comes to burglary prevention. A burglar doesn't know if your alarm is audible or monitored, so you shouldn't be under the impression that you have to spend tons of money on the installation of a system and monitoring fee each month. Do some research and choose a system that best suits your home and family budget. I encourage you to speak to a consultant at your local home electronics store. A self-install system may be easier and less expensive than you might think!

