



WILMETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Community CRIME ALERT

July 15, 2016

Residential Burglaries to Occupied Homes

The Village experienced two "Cat" burglaries this week. This term is used to describe an overnight home burglary that occurs when the homeowners are home and asleep.

The first occurred in the early morning hours of Tuesday July 12th in the **400 block of 9th Street**. The offender entered the home through an unlocked door removing a purse and subsequently stealing the family's car. Wilmette Police Detectives identified and arrested a 17 year old juvenile in this case.

The second incident occurred on Thursday July 14th at around 3AM in a home in the **600 block of Central**. The offender removed a purse from the first floor of the home while the residents were sleeping. Entry was made from an unlocked door.

We remind residents to lock their doors prior to retiring to bed for the night.

Residential Burglary

A residential burglary occurred on Thursday between the hours of 9am and 10am to a home in the 200 block of Park Avenue. The offender(s) used brute force to break in the front door. A pillow case and assorted jewelry were taken.

Motor Vehicle Thefts

Wilmette Police Detectives recovered two vehicles that were stolen from the Village this week. One car was located torched on the south side of Chicago. A second car was recovered in suburban Streamwood.

The auto theft/ auto burglary crews are still very active and we remind residents to lock their cars and remove the keys each and every night. During a recent arrest, the offender told our detectives that they are drawn to this area (end of the "el") as we have a reputation for not locking doors and leaving the keys in our automobiles. In fact, each of the cars stolen this year were unlocked with the keys inside. Please lock your doors and secure your car keys.

Garage Burglaries

We continue to receive reports of garage burglaries. These are primarily overnight events in which expensive bikes are primarily targeted. The offenders are targeting unlocked garages. Please lock your doors.