



WILMETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Community CRIME ALERT

November 11, 2016

Residential Burglary

Between Wednesday, October 26th and Saturday, November 5th, unknown offender(s) burglarized a residence in the 1100 block of New Trier Ct. The offender(s) used force on the front door; searched rooms in the basement, first floor and second floor and took cash, jewelry, documents and other property.

[1100 block of New Trier Ct](#)

Motor Vehicle Theft

Between 3:30 PM on Tuesday, November 8th and 8:40 AM on Wednesday, November 9th, an unknown offender(s) stole a 2008 Acura MDX which was parked in a driveway in the 2000 block of Elmwood Ave.

[2000 block of Elmwood Ave](#)

Auto Burglary

On Wednesday, November 8th between 10:45 PM and 11:50 PM, officers responded to the 1600 block of Highland for 2 suspicious subjects looking at cars in the alley. An Officer found an unlocked vehicle in the 1600 block of Highland Ave that was ransacked. It appears nothing was taken.

[1600 block of Highland Ave](#)

Community Responsibility

After the November 1st Crime Alert, we received the below response from a resident concerning the reminder to lock your cars and remove your car keys.

I appreciate receiving these alerts. May I suggest people need more than a "gentle reminder" - they need a strong hand guiding them. How can people still leave doors unlocked. They make it easy for criminals to gain entry and they are emboldened to come back to Wilmette and try again.

Can you send out a stronger message?

Thank you,

During interviews with burglary offenders, Wilmette Detectives have often heard, "the word on the street is that Wilmette is an easy target because everything is unlocked." We know this is not the case and we may be preaching to the choir. But, it is a good reminder that simply locking your vehicle, garage and home may prevent you and your family from becoming a victim of a crime and possibly deter future crime.

Being a citizen gives us not only benefits but responsibilities for our fellow citizens and for our community's common welfare. Be a responsible community member by taking the simple actions of "locking up" - "looking around" - "immediately reporting suspicious activity".

