



## WILMETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

# Community CRIME ALERT

August 12, 2016

### **Auto Theft/ Burglary/ Robbery Crews**

Crews that the Wilmette Police Department has identified and arrested in connection with auto thefts and auto burglaries in the Village have morphed into committing street robberies and car-jackings. These have occurred in some nearby suburbs over the last few weeks.

On Thursday evening Wilmette Police attempted to stop a car that had been taken a short time earlier at gunpoint from unincorporated Des Plaines. Other towns have reported street robberies in residential neighborhoods particularly in the late evening hours.

Although the Village has not experienced robberies associated with this crew, it is important to recognize that we have had contact with them committing auto thefts and auto burglaries in the Village first by way of the "el" train, but more recently by using stolen automobiles to commit crimes in our west side neighborhoods.

We ask that you be vigilant around shopping centers and gas stations in the late evening hours- particularly 8pm to 11-pm and when going into or out of your home in the late evening hours.

If you are confronted- do not resist- contact the police as soon as it is safe to do so. Please report suspicious persons or vehicles that you may observe in the area.

### **Overnight Auto Burglaries**

Overnight auto burglaries were reported this week on the 400 block of Wilshire Drive, 1100 block of Isabella and the 1400 block of Forest.

In each case the vehicles were not locked.

Please lock up your stuff!