

FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

FRANCONIA DISTRICT STATION

Information Bulletin

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BURGLARS ARE TARGETING HOMES IN THE FRANCONIA AREA

The Fairfax County Police are asking for your help in stopping a rash of burglaries occurring in your area.

Method of Criminal Activity:

- Suspect(s) knock on doors during the day to see if anyone is home.
- Once the thieves are confident that no one is in the home, they force open a side or rear door or break a window and remove jewelry, cash, and small personal electronics.
- The suspect(s) avoid contact with their victims and have not posed a threat to the public.

How can you help?

- Report “solicitors” or other persons knocking on doors or walking in yards or behind houses. Remember the excuses they use to knock on your door.
- Report vehicles in your neighborhood that are not normally observed or appear odd, such as out of state license plates, strange work vans, people sitting in cars, etc...
- If something appears different or even remotely strange, report it immediately by calling (703) 691-2131.

Prevention Tips:

- Make sure adequate locks are installed on all doors and windows and frames are in good condition.
- Request a friend or neighbor check on your home when you are away.
- For extra security, leave a radio playing or a light on while you are away.

Be the eyes and ears for your neighborhood.

You can make a difference if you

Make the Call (703) 691-2131



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