



Southeast Boise Area Crime Bulletin



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Neighborhood Watch Bulletin

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Vehicle Burglaries

2100 blk of E Independence Dr—Vehicle was unlocked and parked in the driveway. Tools were taken.

2100 blk of S Stephen Ave—Unknown mode of entry. Vehicle was parked in the street in front of the residence. A computer and miscellaneous paperwork was taken.

1600 blk of S Canova Dr—Unknown mode of entry. Cash and a Gameboy were taken.

2300 blk of E Riverwalk Dr—Vehicle was unlocked. Suspect(s) ransacked the interior and took sunglasses and cash.

2900 blk of S Law Dr—Vehicle was parked in the driveway. Change inside a cupholder taken.

2800 blk of S Cantrell Ave—Cash was taken from the ashtray.

100 blk of S Parkway Dr—Vehicle was left unlocked and the car stereo was taken.

4000 blk of S Yorktown Way—Vehicle was unlocked. A GPS system and cd player were taken.

2900 blk of S Rookery Ln—Vehicles were left unlocked. Suspect(s) rummaged through vehicles and took headphones from one vehicle.

Increase in Daytime Burglaries: Boise Police do not have statistics (those are being compiled), but officers throughout the city who work daytime patrol shifts report seeing another increase in daytime residential burglaries similar to a trend the city experienced last fall.

At this time, officers are working to identify suspects. It's unknown if the suspects are working as individuals or in groups, but their methods are similar:

- Subjects case the neighborhood, either by sitting in parked cars watching who leaves their home, or knocking on doors to see who answers.
- If no one appears home, they go around to the back and find entry through an unlocked door or window, or force entry.
- If someone does answer the door, witnesses say they appear to make up a story, for example, that they're selling magazines, even though they don't have a selection of magazines with them.
- Some witnesses have reported the subjects are dressed in what looks like "business casual" attire, collared polo shirts and slacks.
- Happening in neighborhoods throughout the city.

"We want people to know this is happening, so they can watch out for themselves and their neighbors," said Officer Stambaugh.

Officers Urge Citizens to Report Suspicious Activity: "Even postal carriers or delivery people can keep an eye out for this type of suspicious activity in a neighborhood. We'd much rather get a call and find everything's okay, than to find that someone saw something but didn't call, and a crime occurred." said Officer Stambaugh.

Officers have spoken to residents recently who say they saw something suspicious, but didn't report it until contacted by police who were investigating the burglary of a neighbor's home. Other citizens say they waited and reported the suspicious activity to a neighbor before calling police.

Lynn Hightower



Neighborhood Security:

- **Call police (911) anytime you see anything potentially suspicious, even in the daylight!** We might not consider something suspicious at 2:00 p.m. that we might suspect at 2:00 a.m., but remember, burglaries are happening in the daytime!
- Watch out for your Neighbors! Call police immediately if you spot something or someone suspicious around a neighbors home. Something suspicious might be a parked car with people sitting inside who aren't known to neighbors; someone walking down the street looking into windows; or someone walking up to a neighbors home who you know is on vacation.
- Start a Neighborhood Watch Program! Knowing your neighbors and knowing how to contact them at work or on vacation can be crucial to neighborhood safety. To learn more about the **Boise Police Department's Neighborhood Watch Program**, please call 570-6070 or email cmiller@cityofboise.org.