

Daily Property Crime in the Foothills: Tuesday, August 14, 2018

1 Armed Robbery/To An Individual: 13200-block of San Juan Pl NE (Chelwood Park).

1 Stolen Vehicle: 4500-block of Morris St NE.

2 Residential Burglaries: 12900-block of Kachina Pl NE, 12500- Morrow Ave NE.

2 Auto Burglaries: 13400-block of Hidden Valley Rd NE, 3600-block of Holiday Ave NE.

Entries: Breaking window, entering via driver's side door.

Items left inside unattended vehicles that were stolen: 2 a/c motors, 2 a/c pads, 3 water pumps.

Are you providing a step ladder over your garden wall? Take a look at what you have piled along gates, walls and fencing. Are those items providing an easy step ladder for a burglar into your back yard? Most of our residential burglaries in the Foothills are enabled by easy access up and over to break or slide/jiggle a sliding glass door open to access the home.

Several burglars are also aided by windows that were left open; the burglar merely removes the screen and gets into the home through the open window. If you must leave a window open, balance the risk by investing in an alarm that allows you to have the window slightly open but alerts when the window is moved. Think about devices that allow a window to be open slightly without allowing jiggling or sliding the window or sliding glass door out of the tracks to gain entry. Remove landscaping rocks that are nearby and can be used to smash a window and gain entry. Think about heavy gauge security doors that are hinging to prevent kicking in and have deadbolts – these allow ventilation and vision outside the door and are difficult to see through to the inside of the home.

Crime prevention is all about balancing your risk level – if your home's layout/access points/design features provide easy access, it's time to think about balancing those points with added crime prevention tools.

If you'd like an assessment of your home, give me a call at the Foothills Substation at 332-5240. Every APD Substation has a Crime Prevention Specialist stationed there who will do these types of assessment visits. If you want to learn more, book an appointment.

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