

# Ann Arbor Police Department Weekly Crime Bulletin

## **SIGNIFICANT CRIMINAL EVENTS FOR May 19, 2009**

### **LARCENY**

**E. Liberty/S. Division**

**5-12-09 (Afternoons)**

Officers were advised a cell phone was stolen from an establishment on Liberty. Officers located the suspects and observed one of the suspects talking on the victim's phone. Officers recovered the stolen cell phone and took the suspect into custody.

**SUSPECT ARRESTED**

### **ARSON**

**500 Blk. S. State**

**5-13-09 (Days)**

Officers were dispatched to assist the Ann Arbor Fire Department reference a report of arson. A witness observed the suspect throw a trash can on top of a lit BBQ grill. The siding of a house was charred due to the grill being next to the house. Residents gave a description of the suspect who was located and arrested.

**SUSPECT ARRESTED**

### **LARCENY FROM A BUILDING Pittsfield/Washtenaw**

**5-10-09 (Days)**

Officers were advised a Tip Jar had been stolen from a market at the above location. Officers reviewed a security tape and obtained a description of the suspect. On 5-13-09 Officers observed the suspect from the tape. The suspect confessed to taking the money.

**SUSPECTS ARRESTED**

**A REMINDER TO LOCK OUT CRIME**

**HELP FIGHT CRIME!**

**LOCK YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS AND REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS  
INCIDENTS, PERSONS, OR VEHICLES TO 911**

# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH TIPS

As Memorial Day weekend approaches, many of you may be getting ready to go on short vacations to see family, friends or loved ones. Keep in mind that criminals are aware of dates when more residents may be likely to be gone and they may be looking to commit crimes of opportunity over this long weekend. We want your vacations to be as stress-free as possible, including returning to an untouched home and vehicle. Please share the Vacation Checklist below with your neighborhood residents and Have a Happy Memorial Day weekend!

## Vacation Checklist

An empty house (or one that looks that way) is a tempting target for a burglar. Use this checklist of tips to help safeguard your home while you're away.

- Have good locks on all doors and windows, and **USE THEM!**
- Make sure any broken windows, doors or window locks are repaired.
- Ask a neighbor to watch the house while you're away. It's a good idea to leave your vacation address and telephone number with a neighbor so you can be reached in case of an emergency.
- Never leave your house key hidden outside your home.
- Stop all deliveries, or arrange for a neighbor to pick up your mail, newspapers and packages.
- Arrange for someone to mow your lawn, rake leaves and maintain the yard to give the home a lived-in look.
- Have a neighbor place garbage cans at the curb on your normal pickup days and return them after the garbage pickup is made.
- Plug in timers to turn lights, a radio or a television on and off at appropriate times. This helps to disguise the fact that you are away.
- Turn the bell or ringer on your telephone down low. If a burglar is around, he won't be alerted to your absence by a ringing phone.
- Don't announce your absence on answering machine messages; leave your normal message on the machine.
- Leave your blinds, shades and curtains in a normal position. Don't close them unless that is what you do when you are home.
- Close and lock garage doors and windows. Ask a neighbor to occasionally park in your driveway. If you leave your car at home, park it as you normally would. Vehicles parked outside should be moved occasionally to appear that they are being used.
- Secure storage sheds attic entrances and gates.
- Consider taking valuables to a bank safe deposit box.

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