

Ann Arbor Police Department Weekly Crime Bulletin

SIGNIFICANT CRIMINAL EVENTS FOR APRIL 6, 2009

BREAKING & ENTERING 1600 Blk Briarwood Circle 3-27-09 (Midnights)

The main entrance door to a business had been pried open. After gaining entry the suspect also pried open a filing cabinet in an attempt to gain access to a cash box. Nothing was taken. A possible suspect has been identified.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES

LARCENY FROM MOTOR VEHICLE 200 Blk S. Fifth Ave 4-2-09 (Midnights)

A GPS system and a box containing personal items were stolen from the victim's back seat of his vehicle. Upon viewing a video tape of the lot where the victim's vehicle was parked a suspect was identified and contact made. The GPS was located on the suspect.

SUSPECT ARRESTED

LARCENY FROM BUILDING 300 Blk S. Fifth Ave 3-31-09 (Days)

Officers responded to a call reference missing library books. Contact was made with a subject in the library who had in his backpack the missing books. A search of his residence turned up a large number of books from the library.

SUSPECT ARRESTED

Crime Prevention Tip

Protect Yourself From Home Improvement Scams

Warmer weather signals the arrival of things pleasant - like spring, and unpleasant - like burglars and con artists. Safeguard your home and property against these unwelcome visitors. To prevent the chances of being victimized, residents are urged to observe the following precautions:

- Keep doors and windows locked - even if you will be out for only a short time.
- Request identification from utility representatives - true representatives carry it, and will gladly show it to you. Call their company for verification.
- Only rarely will legitimate home improvement companies solicit door-to-door. They usually distribute fliers or make phone calls - it's more cost effective for them.
- Never pay in cash. Using a check keeps a record of the transaction and often provides identification of the person cashing the check.
- Beware of excuses such as "We just finished a job around the corner and had extra materials that we could offer you at a discounted price." Professional companies do not operate in that manner.
- Call police immediately if you notice someone unfamiliar to the neighborhood or acting suspiciously.

Be aware of various ruses that have been used to gain entry, including posing as utility representatives, asking for a drink of water, looking for property that is for sale, or selling home improvement services. Also in years past, victims have been working in their yard while suspects entered through unlocked doors. Lock your doors and take a key with you.

A REMINDER TO LOCK OUT CRIME

HELP FIGHT CRIME!

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

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