



# Lawrence Police Department

## Crime Information Bulletin

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Since March 2007 the Lawrence Police Department has received reports of more than a dozen burglaries in the area bordered by 13<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Street between Massachusetts and Missouri Street. The majority of the burglaries were to automobiles, some of which were unlocked and others that the suspect(s) broke a window to gain entry. Several homes were also burglarized, either through unlocked doors and windows or by breaking a window.

The following steps can reduce the chances of your home or vehicle being burglarized:

- Remove all valuables from your vehicle, including removable stereo faceplates, before parking it outside overnight. Purses, wallets, checkbooks and electronics are frequent targets of theft. If valuables must be left in a vehicle, place them in the trunk or completely hidden under a seat.
- Garage door openers should NOT be left inside vehicles parked outside your home. When a thief locates your garage door opener, it gives them access to valuables in your garage and to your home.
- Lock your vehicle and do not leave spare keys inside the vehicle.
- Utilize car and home alarm systems when available.
- Leave exterior lights on overnight to light the area around your home.
- Keep your garage doors closed and locked.
- Be aware of your surroundings and immediately report any suspicious activity to police.

### **Burglars do more than steal!**

Burglars can commit robberies and assaults if they are surprised by someone coming home or they pick a home that is occupied.

- If you come home and something looks questionable- a slit screen, broken window or open door- don't go in. Call the police from a safe location.
- If you are in the home and think someone is breaking in, leave if you can, then call the police. If you can't leave, lock yourself in a room with a phone and call police.

The Lawrence Police Department is working to proactively identify crime patterns and educate the public in how they can help combat crime. To report crimes in progress call 911. For non-emergency assistance call police dispatch at 832-7509. Rewards may also be available through CrimeStoppers by calling 843-TIPS, for information leading to an arrest. For crime prevention information please call the Community Services Division, Neighborhood Resource Officers at 830-7410.

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