



# WESTERN SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT

## *CRIME ALERT*

Western Springs, IL - Date: July 3, 2018

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The Western Springs Police Department is currently investigating 2 motor vehicle burglaries. Both motor vehicle burglaries occurred between 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Monday, July 2, 2018, in the lower level of Spring Rock Park.

An unknown offender(s) smashed the front passenger side window out on both motor vehicles and gained access to both of the owner's purses that were left on the front seat. Both purses contained various amounts of cash, credit cards, and personal identification.

### ***Don't be an easy target:***

- Keep all vehicle doors and windows closed and locked at all times, even during quick errands. Lock the trunk, hatchback or tailgate to block access into your vehicle. Close all vents or wing windows and sunroofs. Always take your keys with you.
- If your vehicle has a built in security system, use it. If you don't have a security system installed, it is worth the investment. It may also qualify you for a discount on your auto insurance.
- Remove visible items (cash, wallet, purse, iPods and cell phones) from the vehicle or place them in the trunk. If you leave items visible in your vehicle, you are a target
- Park your vehicle in an area that is visible to the public and well-lit at night. If possible, park your vehicle in the garage. If garage parking is not available, park your vehicle in the driveway and install motion-sensor security lighting on your home.

### ***Be a good neighbor:***

- A person looking into parked vehicles may be looking for a vehicle to steal or valuables left in plain view inside.
- Any vehicle without lights at night, cruising slowly, or following a course that seems aimless or repetitive is suspicious in any location. Occupants may be "casing" for a burglary.
- A person walking around pulling on car door handles may be looking for unlocked vehicles to steal from.

Residents are encouraged to call 9-1-1 immediately about any and all suspicious activity.

If anyone has any information regarding these crimes, please contact the Western Springs Investigative Division at (708) 246-8540.