

# WESTERN SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT



## CRIME ALERT

Western Springs, IL-Date: August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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The Western Springs Police Department is currently investigating three garage burglaries and one vehicle burglary. The incidents occurred between 11:00 PM on Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and 6:00 AM on Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in the 5100 block of Lawn Avenue.

In all reported garage burglaries, the unknown offender(s) entered through unlocked service doors. Items taken include a welder, miscellaneous tools, and a bicycle. Several items were recovered in the immediate area while others appear to have been permanently removed by the offenders. Access was gained through unlocked doors in the vehicle burglary, and a wallet was reported missing.

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: ALL OF THESE INCIDENTS WERE THE RESULT OF UNLOCKED VEHICLES. DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE OR GARAGE DOORS UNLOCKED AND ALWAYS REMOVE YOUR KEYS\*\*\***

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 to 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.
- Remove visible items (cash, wallet, purses, 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.
- Install security cameras around your residence to capture any potential criminal activity.
- Ensure garage area is lit and ensure all service and overhead doors are closed and locked.

*Be a good neighbor:*

- A person looking into parked vehicles may be looking for a vehicle to steal or valuables left in plain view. If you see something of that nature, call the police for further investigation.

If anyone has information pertaining to this incident, please contact the Western Springs Police Department at 708-246-8540.

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