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DATE: 09/17/2009

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Duluth Police Burglary/Prowler Prevention Tips

CASE NO.:

INCIDENT DATE :09/17/2009

INCIDENT TIME:

INCIDENT LOCATION: Duluth

SUBJECT: Duluth Police Burglary/Prowler Prevention Tips

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So far in September, the Duluth Police Department has seen a slight increase in reported burglaries and vehicle prowls in the eastern portions of the city. With this in mind, the Duluth Police want to remind residents, businesses, students, and visitors that the best prevention against burglars and prowlers are steps they can take themselves.

- Keep all doors and windows closed and secured. An open window or door is an invitation for burglars. Doors should have dead bolt locks with a 1" throw. All windows should have window locks. Always lock the door to an attached garage.
- Secure sliding glass doors. Place a metal rod or piece of wood in the track and install vertical bolts.
- Keep the perimeter of your home or business well lit and trim trees and shrubs surrounding it. If trees and shrubs are overgrown, they serve as perfect hiding places for burglars.
- For homeowners, never leave clues that you are gone for an extended period. Have a trusted neighbor collect mail and newspapers or put a stop on their delivery.
- Keep valuables out of sight.
- Outside, lock up ladders, tools or lawn furniture.
- Never place keys under the doormat, flower pot or window ledge.
- Lock vehicles, take the keys, and remove all valuables.
- Report any suspicious activity or persons by calling 911.