

Temple Terrace Crime Watch News

Crime Prevention Starts with Your Attention!

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CRIME PREVENTION TIP:

Burglars view the Holiday season as a time of opportunity to burglarize homes for cash, credit cards, and gifts. Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave your house or apartment; even if it is just for a few minutes. If you display a Christmas tree, do not display it and gifts in the front window so they are easily visible from the street. It is too tempting for potential criminal to smash a window and grab the wrapped packages; or plan a later break-in based on their earlier observations. Don't advertise – burglars look for occupancy cues like outdoor lights burning 24 hours a day, piled up newspapers, mail, or advertising fliers hanging on door knobs. Use an inexpensive light timer when you are away, go to the post office and ask them to halt your mail temporarily or ask a neighbor to pick up your mail and newspapers. If you go out for the evening, turn on lights and a radio or television so the house or apartment appears to be occupied. Burglars know to look for the hidden door key near the front entrance. Do not hide spare keys under rocks, in flowerpots, under door mats, or above door ledges. Instead, give the spare key to a trusted family member that lives locally or neighbor. Burglars prefer to enter through unlocked doors or windows. Lock your vehicles! Much like locking you home, Burglars look for unlocked cars to get into. It's all about crimes of opportunity. Make sure you do not leave valuables in your vehicle. If you have to leave anything in your vehicle, place it in the trunk. Leaving valuables visible in your vehicle is an invitation for burglars to break into your vehicle. After you've opened, do not pile up empty gift boxes such as, from your new computer, DVD player, or stereo receiver on the street for the garbage collectors. Burglars appreciate knowing that you have expensive gifts inside for them to steal. Break the boxes down or cut them up to better conceal the items. With these tips you can help ensure your home and vehicle are safe.

TABLE 1: POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE	INCIDENT TYPE	LOCATION	MODUS OPERANDI
11/14/2019	Burglary Auto	9800 Block of N 52 nd St	Unsecured /Firearms stolen
11/16/2019	Burglary	100 Block of Mission Hills Ave	Forced entry/electronics stolen
11/16/2019	Fraud	6700 Block of Maybole Pl	Impersonation
11/16/2019	Fraud	1200 Block of n Riverhills Dr	Impersonation
11/17/2019	Burglary	8600 Block of Cattail Dr	Carport/car tire stolen
11/18/2019	Stolen Vehicle	8700 Block of Orange Leaf Ct	White Toyota Corolla
11/18/2019	Burglary Auto	8700 Block of Doral Oaks	Unsecured /electronics stolen
11/19/2019	Burglary Auto	9100 Block of W Riverchase Dr	Unsecured /cell phone stolen
11/19/2019	Burglary	6300 Block of N Queensway Dr	Unsecured /items stolen
11/20/2019	Fraud	8800 Block of N 56 th St	Counterfeit cash

TABLE 2: CONTACT INFORMATION

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