



## Southwest Precinct Public Safety Newsletter

December 13, 2007

Dear Community Friends,

### SW Detectives Unit Report, 12-13-07, by Detective Bauer

**Southwest Precinct Officers and Detectives**, within the last week and a half, have arrested, booked, and filed charges on nine (9) Burglary suspects. Detectives have cleared fifteen (15) burglary cases with the arrest of these suspects. Most of the stolen property has been returned to the owners.

Below are some recent cases that we have been working on. Please notice the incredible Police work along with calls from alert citizens:

**12-03-07: Burglary incident:** On the morning of 12-03-07, a neighbor was standing on her front porch, and noticed an unfamiliar vehicle pull up to a neighbor's home. Two males got out of the vehicle and went to the back of the residence. The witness called police. Officers responded and arrived very soon after the call came out. Officers caught the two males after they had burglarized the home by way of forced entry. Both suspects were later booked.

**Note that King County detectives** have another burglary case in their jurisdiction in which these suspects have been identified. The King County Detectives are also looking at these suspects as good possibles on the series of BB gun shootings in the SW area. That investigation continues.

**12-05-07: Burglary/Wanted fugitive arrest:** Officers responded to a Burglary call in the 5800 block of 38<sup>th</sup> Ave SW. Detectives were aware of a wanted fugitive who possibly broke into a nearby residence and took a shotgun and ammunition a few days earlier. Through cooperation of the case detective and patrol officers, the fugitive was caught hiding in a limousine that was parked in front of the home of the burglary/shotgun theft victim.

**12-06-07: Burglary incident**, 4800 block of Colorado Ave S. Suspect enters fenced in property of metal recycling site. A night watchman sees the suspect and calls police. The suspect exited the property and got into a van before officers arrived. The responding officers located the suspect in the van, and had the watchman do a show up ID of the suspect, which was positive. The officers also arrested another male in the van, who had an outstanding warrant.

**12-10-07: Theft/Trafficking stolen property** investigation, 4800 block of 35<sup>th</sup> Ave SW: Detective Bauer investigated an on-going theft incident in which an employee was allegedly stealing property from vulnerable adult residents, and then selling the items on EBAY. Detectives arrested the suspect, and later booked her.

#### Please noted the following:

- ❑ **Outstanding work by the Patrol Officers!**
- ❑ **Outstanding follow-up by the Detectives!**

- ❑ **Outstanding work by the witnesses** who had the presence of mind call the Police or jot down the license plate number and other information!

**Organizing a Block Watch** may not be exciting. At the Block Watch meeting, homeowners learn about putting locks on their doors and latches on their windows. Also fixing their landscaping and adding motion sensor lighting, so that potential burglars can be seen from the street. We also think about Night Out, Neighborhood get-togethers, meeting with the police, learning crime prevention techniques, passing on information about suspicious activity to the police. Now, that does not sound exciting. But it is exciting when everything comes together and we see the bad guys arrested and put into jail.

**Citizen's action** is what it takes to make your neighborhood safer. Neighbors coming out of their homes and aggressively taking charge of their neighborhood by walking and saying "Hi" to everyone they see. Strangers know you saw them, because you said Hi! "Criminals" do not like to be noticed. Watch them from the time they enter your block until they leave. Call and alert the neighbors up the street to the strangers going door to door. Stop them by posting "No Soliciting" signs on every door on your block. Print one up on your computer until you are able to buy a sign. Yes, good co-operative efforts between the citizens and the police payoff in the long run making your Neighborhood safer.

**Block Watches** can also be organized in **condominiums** and **apartment complexes**. The basic concept is the same as with single-family homes. The benefits are also the same—reduced crime.

#### Block Watch benefits:

- ❑ • Improving communications between neighbors, neighborhoods and police.
- ❑ • Educating the neighborhood about crime threats and crime prevention.
- ❑ • Increasing surveillance to catch or deter criminals.

When citizens share responsibility in preventing crime with the police, crime goes down much faster than if the public were to rely solely on police to do the work. Police cannot reduce or prevent crime on their own. They need the help of citizens, taking practical steps to protect your property and calling 911 when you see crime in progress or suspicious activity.

#### Happy New Year!

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