

CRIME ACTIVITY ALERT

On Tuesday, March 8th, between the hours of 9:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., two homes were burglarized in the 8400 block of Winningham Lane. In both instances, an unknown person or persons forced entry into the home, entered, and took valuables.

A witness reported seeing three males of unknown race leaving the area in a gray-colored vehicle with a spoiler on the rear of the car. The vehicle left the area, traveling southbound on Bingle Road.

Officers responded to the area within less than two minutes but were unable to locate the suspects.

Officers processed both crime scenes, recovered forensic evidence, and have submitted that evidence for DNA processing. In addition, we have contacted surrounding police departments, shared this information, and are currently comparing information in an effort to establish any possible links to related crimes in these other areas.

As mentioned earlier this week in the February Crime Report e-mail, I would encourage each of you whose home is equipped with a burglar alarm to take advantage of this very important crime prevention tool by arming your alarm each and every time you leave your home, even if you will be gone only for a few minutes. If your home is equipped with an alarm but that alarm is not functioning properly, I would recommend that you contact your alarm company to have your system checked and repaired.

Also, I would encourage each of you to program your police department's 10-digit phone number into your cell phone. That number is 713-465-8323. That way, you are guaranteed to contact your Spring Valley Village Police dispatcher without any delay. Dialing 911 from a cell phone may route your call to the Houston dispatcher first and cause a delay in the proper response.

Your police department is currently taking the appropriate measures to supplement the current marked and unmarked police patrol coverage during the daytime hours in a proactive effort to prevent any further burglaries.

Crime prevention in your community is a PARTNERSHIP between the police department and the citizens. As always, we encourage each of you to be observant and immediately report any suspicious activity to your police department.

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