

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME ALERT

On Tuesday evening, December 29th, at approximately 6:10 p.m., a resident of Spring Valley Village was walking in the 1300 block of Voss Road near Merlin Drive when he observed two young Hispanic males walking along Voss toward him.

As the two males passed the resident on foot, they both turned and began assaulting the victim while demanding his money. The two suspects then fled on foot.

Both suspects are described as Hispanic males in their late teens or early twenties, both with shaved or bald heads, one heavier in build than the other. No vehicle was observed by the victim or witnesses.

The police department is working with the other surrounding law enforcement agencies in an effort to identify any other possible related incidents. However, no such cases have been located. No information has been developed that would indicate that this was anything other than an isolated incident.

However, the police department would encourage all residents to use prudent caution when walking or cycling in the neighborhood, especially after dark.

When possible, it is recommended that residents carry a cell phone so that it is available if you need to call for help. Program the police department's 10-digit phone number (713-465-8323) into your cell phone's speed dial phone book. Calling this 10-digit number assures that you will be connected immediately to the Spring Valley Village Police dispatcher rather than possibly being routed to another agency by dialing 911 from a cell phone.

When possible, walk or cycle in groups rather than alone. As you do so, be aware of your surroundings. Remember that listening to radios or portable MP3 players can be a distraction.

And, as always, do not hesitate to contact the police department immediately if you observe any suspicious activity in your neighborhood.

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Chief of Police