



A note from....

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Good Afternoon Everyone,

As you are aware, I am still filling in for Ofcr Gray. She is still out possibly till August or September. Just wanted to give you an update on the Brentwood area.

The past month or two the Brentwood area has seen an increase in Burglaries and auto related crimes. This can be related to a number of issues.

I have seen (reports) a lot of residents leaving their vehicles unlocked or numerous items being left in plain view.

Some vehicles have had their headlights or high end wheels taken from either a parking garage or from the street.

The trend for residential burglaries. Susps are knocking on the front door, then go around to the back and break in through the window or door. Usually smash a window or sometimes the door is unlocked.

I have seen a few thefts in the area. mainly people not keeping hold or an eye on their personal items while at a store or restaurant. The Susps will distract you while another person grabs the items.

**TIPS:**

- Please make sure your home is secured at all times and your alarm is activated (especially the second floor).
- Keep all items of importance locked up or secured somewhere in your home or vehicles. Do not leave anything out in the open. Most criminals are opportunist and break in when they see something. Let's not give the criminals the opportunity to take our stuff.
- Most importantly, we need to lookout for each other and help each other out. If you see something suspicious in your area let your neighbors know to keep a look out. You are the first defense in neighborhood security. If all of the neighbors turn on the lights and come outside on the front porch to keep a look out, this will most likely detour the criminals from doing bad in your neighborhood.

FYI, I am doing multiple duties here at the station. I encourage all to check <https://www.crimemapping.com/> to see the up to date crime numbers in your area. I will send out bulletins or alerts when we see a trend in crime spikes through out the neighborhood. If there is a concentrated area being inundated with certain crimes. I will be driving in the neighborhood and let everyone know. My contact info is below, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

All the best,

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