

Please be advised of the following alert: Douglas County Sheriff's would like to remind you to report suspicious activity and call 911 immediately if you believe a burglary is occurring.

Please pass along to your neighbors and continue to be our eyes and ears and look out for each other. Douglas County Sheriff's Office is vigorously working these cases.

If you would like to start a Neighborhood Watch or have any questions please call Community Resources at 303-660-7544.



CRIME TREND INFORMATION FOR NORTHERN DOUGLAS COUNTY RESIDENTS

The Denver Metro area, including Highlands Ranch and Parker and the City of Castle Pines, has been experiencing daytime residential burglaries. Generally, one suspect stays in a vehicle as a lookout while another suspect rings the doorbell to determine if anyone is home. One of the suspects forces entry through a side access door and they prop open the door between the house and the garage and load the vehicle in the garage or in the driveway.

These burglaries have been occurring during daytime hours, during the week, when many people are away at work.

Please notify the Douglas County Sheriff's Office immediately of any suspicious activity at 303-660-7500 or in an emergency call 911.

THESE SUSPECTS ARE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS. DO NOT TRY TO APPREHEND THE SUSPECTS YOURSELF.

Here are a few tips to help deter burglaries:

- The garage door should always be closed and locked. Treat the entrance door from the garage to your house the same as an exterior entrance. A burglar in your garage can work on your house door undetected.
- Treat all exterior doors on the rear and sides of your home as possible targets for entry. Since they may be less observable from the street and by neighbors than a front

entrance, extra precautions may need to be taken. Make sure the side doors to your home or garage are closed, locked, and secured with a dead bolt.

- Prune trees and shrubs. Deny burglars a hiding place to work — don't block the view. Permit ready visibility by neighbors and Police.
- Talk with your neighbors. Ask them to report any suspicious persons or activities around your home to Douglas County Sheriff's Office. Good neighbors make safe neighborhoods.

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