

WHAT IS SUSPICIOUS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

If you see a crime being committed, report it immediately and accurately. If you are the victim of a crime, report it as soon as possible. Even a five minute delay in reporting can significantly reduce the chance of catching the criminal.

Don't hesitate to call if you think something may be wrong. Don't worry about being embarrassed if your suspicions turn out to be unfounded. Think of what could happen if you don't act.

WRITE IT DOWN!

As soon as possible, write down everything you can remember. Don't rely on your memory. It's very easy to get things mixed up or forget details- especially if you were the victim.

Be as exact as you can and try to avoid guessing. Wrong information is worse than no information at all. Keep the following description of persons and vehicles handy where you can find it when needed.

SITUATIONS INVOLVING PROPERTY

Property in homes, private garages, storage areas, etc. is suspicious if accumulations are large or otherwise unusual, such as several TV sets in a garage, or

if the items are in good condition but are not in use.

Property not normally found in vehicles is suspicious if it is observed at unusual hours or locations, or if TV sets, stereos, unmounted tape decks, and auto parts are involved.

Property carried by persons on foot normally is not suspicious unless it is at an unusual hour or in an unusual place. It is especially questionable if the person is running. It may be significant if the property is not wrapped (as if just purchased.)

OTHER UNUSUAL SITUATIONS

- A person switching vehicles, especially in a public place, may be "dumping" a stolen vehicle or have just committed a crime.
- Continuous "repair" operations at a non-business location may indicate illegal activities, such as stolen property being stripped, repainted or otherwise altered.
- Open or broken doors or windows at a closed business or residence when the owners are absent may signify a burglary in progress or already completed.
- Large amounts of property in private homes or garages may be stolen property, especially if items are in good condition, but unused.
- Unusual noises such as gunshots,

screaming, sounds of combat, barking dogs or anything suggestive of foul play or illegal activity should be reported immediately.

- Persons detaching mechanical parts or accessories from a vehicle.
- Heavy foot traffic to and from a residence, if it occurs frequently, on a daily or very regular basis, especially during late or unusual hours, could indicate drug activity.
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- A burglar alarm sounding.

CRIMES IN PROGRESS
OR
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY OCCUR-
RING NOW

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