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BURGLARIES ON THE RISE: TAKE PRECAUTIONS

Citizens urged to take steps to take away potential crimes of opportunity

MUSCATINE, Iowa - The Muscatine community has experienced a spike in the number of reported burglaries over the last couple of months according to the Muscatine Police Department (MPD). Many of these have been to vehicles but homes and businesses have also been targeted.

The Muscatine Police Department has arrested several individuals recently for this type of activity but was unable to detain them due to the Muscatine County Jail restricting the number of prisoners being accepted due to the challenges posed by Covid-19.

“We encourage everyone to take steps to ensure their property stays safe and secure,” Captain Steve Snider said.

Among the things that citizens can do is to keep vehicles locked and windows rolled up at all times, avoid leaving items of value out in the yard or in public view, and install exterior motion lights, camera systems and alarms.



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“Get to know your neighbors, look out for them, and help watch each other's properties,” Capt. Snider said. “Above all report suspicious activity immediately. Call 911 and notify police if you observe anyone suspicious or something seems out of place.”

Remember, burglary is often a crime of opportunity. By taking away the opportunity, you can increase your chances of not becoming a victim.