

OFF-CAMPUS CRIME ALERT

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Police Searching For Serial Burglar

University Park police are searching for a burglar who has broken into multiple houses between the SMU campus and North Central Expressway since mid-May 2012.

The residential burglaries have been concentrated in an area south of Lovers Lane, north of Dyer Street and east of Airline Road. They have occurred on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Police believe the burglar checks to see if anyone is in the house by knocking on the front door and then goes to the rear of the house to break in. Older style houses with tall shrubs, without alarm systems, have been the primary target. Jewelry and cameras have been the primary items taken.

In one incident the resident was home and described the suspect to police as a young male with medium skin tone.

Anyone with information about the burglaries is asked to contact University Park Police Detective Keenan at 214-987-5359 or rkeenan@uptexas.org.

Safety Tips:

- If you observe suspicious activity, please call 911 immediately. Time is of the essence in such situations.
- Always lock your house when you leave.
- Keep your valuables in a safe place.
- Consider installing an alarm system in your residence.
- Always be aware of your surroundings, especially in parking lots and garages, and outside your residence at night. Always have your keys ready as you approach your car or residence.