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### CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

#### PREVENTING RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES AND SCAMS

During the Holiday Season, residential burglaries and scams increase. The following are methods used by criminals and tips to help prevent these crimes:

#### **BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS**

- Make sure all windows and doors to your residence are locked when leaving.
- If your home has an alarm system, use it, even if you're only leaving for a short time.
- Consider investing in a heavy fire safe to safeguard valuables. Have it bolted to the floor if possible.
- Do not keep excessive amounts of cash in your home. Do not leave credit cards or personal identification where it is accessible to criminals.
- Record the make, model and serial numbers of all valuable electronic equipment such as laptops, computers, and televisions and keep this information in a safe place.
- Criminals will often ring a doorbell or knock on a door to see if someone is home. If no one answers, they will often force entry to that door or another door in the rear of the house. Notify the Garfield Police immediately if a suspicious person rings your doorbell or knocks on your door. Try to remember what they look like, what clothing they were wearing and any vehicles used.
- Be observant of any suspicious persons on your neighbors' property. Notify the Garfield Police.

#### **FLIM/FLAM & SCAM PREVENTION TIPS**

- Criminals will often pose as representatives of the Water Department. One will distract you or ask you to turn on faucets while his accomplice steals your belongings. They will often have fake identification cards. Do not allow anyone access to your home. Tell them to remain outside while you check with the Garfield Police. The Garfield Police Department will tell you if legitimate Water Department employees are working in your neighborhood.



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### CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

#### Vehicle Safety – Preventing Theft or Break-ins

These tips deal with preventing vehicle break-ins, which could lead to the theft of the vehicle itself or of property from within.

- Park in open, well lighted, and populated areas near your destination. Avoid parking near trucks, vans, dumpsters and other objects that obstruct visibility and provide hiding places.
- Avoid parking near strangers loitering or sitting inside other vehicles.
- Turn off your engine, roll up all windows, lock all doors and take the keys with you, even if you are only making a “quick stop” at a convenience store, gas station or in your own driveway.
- Don’t leave house keys or spare car keys inside of the vehicle; an experienced thief knows all the hiding places.
- Don’t leave your vehicle idling to “warm up” while unattended.

#### *Never leave the following items inside of the vehicle:*

- *G.P.S. Navigation Units*
- *Laptop Computers, Ipods & PDA’s*
  - *Cell Phones and Cameras*
  - *Loose Change and Currency*
- *Personal Identification, Passports, Social Security Cards, etc.*
  - *Purses, Wallets and Keys*
- *Satellite Radio Receivers & Stereos*

AND

**Remember to record serial numbers of your property!**



**DO YOUR PART TO HELP FIGHT CRIME !**



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