

FYI

A neighbor on King James Avenue was burglarized on Wednesday, August 3, 2011. Because the owners were away from their home for a long stretch of time that day, it is uncertain as to the timeframe the event occurred. What we do know is that the individual(s) had to have been in a vehicle because they confiscated a very large and heavy flat screen television (TV).

The thieves entered the home at the rear door/carport, apparently kicking it in. They spent time going throughout the home looking in closets and drawers, which was evident by the disarray of the home. It appears that the primary item stolen was the flat screen TV. However, because the event has so recently occurred there is a possibility that other possessions were taken, but have not been determined to date.

Here's what we know: These individuals are bold, they are dangerous and they are without conviction. In all likelihood there are at least two individuals involved (because of the size and weight of the item that was stolen). It is not likely that this was random - they are watching. We suspect this because they chose a home where the neighbors on both sides of the burglarized home were also gone, which is why they were neither heard nor seen. Because of this it is up to us, the Barkley Neighborhood residents, to be vigilant about activities in and around the area.

What can we do? Get to know your neighbors. Let someone know if you will be away for a long period of time and ask them to keep a watchful eye on your property. Talk to your children and their friends and encourage them to inform you of suspicious activities or conversations. It is also a good idea to purchase motion sensor lights, and timers which turn on lights, radios, and televisions (this gives the illusion that someone is home even when you are away). If you have a security system use it faithfully! Barkley Place Subdivision has always been a wonderful and safe place to live. Incidents here have been few in occurrence.

TO ENSURE THAT BARKLEY PLACE REMAINS A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE PLEASE REVIEW THE TIPS ON THE NEXT PAGE AND INCORPORATE THEM INTO YOUR DAILY PRACTICES.

ROBBERS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD – BE PROACTIVE

FYI Safety Sheet

NOTE SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR SUCH AS:

- * **UNKNOWN** drivers/vehicles circling the area
- * **CARS** slowly passing your home for no reason
- * **STRANGERS** ringing your door bell
- * **PHONE CALLS** from strangers seeking personal information
- * **PHONE CALLS** and no one responds
- * **VISITS** from people you do not know with attempts to gain information about you, your routine, family size...

YOU HAVE POWER - DO SOMETHING!

- **RECORD** - write down the license plate number of suspicious drivers in vehicles
- **PHOTOGRAPH** - Take a picture of the driver/car/tag of anyone who is suspicious
- **WATCH** - let the strangers know you see them, they are less likely to do wrong
- **COMMUNICATE** - let your neighbors know when you see or hear anything suspicious
- **VISIBLE** - move about your neighborhood
- **SECURE** - lock doors and windows when you are away, no matter how short the trip.
- **TECHNOLOGY** - use your security system, motion sensor lights, timers on lights/radios/TVs
- **POLICE** - report any and all concerns to the police and/or the BANA Association
- **INFORMANTION** – do not discuss your schedule, family size with strangers.
- **TALK** - teach your children safe practices, and share information about strange activities with your neighbors