



Schererville Neighborhood Watch

Weekly Report

**Neighborhood
Edition**

6/12/23 – 6/19/23

Schererville Police Department

25 E. Joliet St. Schererville, IN







Call 911

www.schererville.org/police

SECURE YOUR HOME



FOLLOW THESE BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS FROM McGRUFF:

-  Always lock your doors and windows.
-  Invest in high-security locks, solid entry doors, and laminated windows.
-  Install bright outdoor lighting with motion detection.
-  If you have an alarm system, use it. Post warning signs or window decals on your property.
-  Trim bushes and trees so burglars can't hide and so branches don't block lighting.
-  If you suspect an intruder is in your home, do not enter. Call 911 immediately!

To learn more ways to secure your home, visit ncpc.org or contact your local law enforcement agency.



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REMEMBER, PLEASE **CALL 911** IMMEDIATELY TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY



REPORTS

* **Open garage doors found on the following streets:** 80th Ct., Patti Ln., E. Wilhelm St., Liberty Dr., Buckingham Ln., Sandalwood Ct., Starling Dr., Thornhill Dr., Madelene-Grace Ct., Lakeview Ct., Woodhollow Dr., Kathleen Dr., Terrace Dr., Deerpath Dr. West, Barbara Jean Dr., Susan Dr., Mockingbird Dr., Oak Leaf Dr., Sienna St., Wildflower Way, Taylor St., Bell St., Woodhollow Ct., 74th Pl., 75th Ave., Fishtorn Dr., Friar Tuck Dr., Robinhood Blvd., Anna St., Bunker Dr., Tate Dr., Farmdale Dr.,

* **SUSPICIOUS PERSONS** – Fairview Ln – Officers spoke with The R/P and neighbors regarding a suspicious vehicle in the neighborhood. The R/P stated that at 2:30 PM on 06/13/2023 he received a Ring doorbell notification of two males at his door. The R/P stated one was male black and the other was a Hispanic male. The R/P showed me the video and thought it was strange due to it being a vehicle he had never seen and that the males were asking to cut the grass. On the above date and time it had been raining for majority of the day.

Speaking with the concerned neighbors they also had footage of the males going either to their houses or others. At this time there are no signs of criminal mischief to any home. All expressed their concerns about having people ask to cut grass in the rain in the middle of the day when no one was home. The vehicle looked to be a silver in color GMC SUV.

* **SCAM** – Charlevoix Way – The R/P stated that he was receiving calls from an unknown party that stated that he won three million dollars. The unknown party requested that the R/P deposited thirty five thousand dollars into an account to pay for " taxes and fees " before receiving his alleged millions. The R/P attempted to get more information but the unknown party refused to give accurate information. The R/P did not send any money.

* **ILLEGAL DUMPING** – 65th St. & Birch Ave - A white Ford pickup dumping trees and bushes. Upon arrival, area check was negative for that vehicle or trees and bushes that had appeared to have been dumped.

* **SUSPICIOUS PERSON** – Turkey Creek Bike Trail - I was dispatched to TURKEY CREEK BIKE TRAIL; PD in reference to a suspicious incident. I arrived and spoke to the R/P whom stated her niece (AB 14 YOA) was walking on the bike path near Burr St. & 85th Ave when a unknown white male, tall, slender approximately in his 20's wearing a scarf over his face was taking pictures of (AB) on the bike path. The R/P stated he then walked ahead of her niece and went into the bushes and crouched down.





- * **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** – Dove Dr., Officers responded for shots fired. The complainant had informed Southcom Dispatch that someone had drove past his residence and shot his window out. The complainant did not see a suspect vehicle nor suspect and does not know who would have shot at his residence. Upon arrival, the complainant met officers at the front door. The complainant, explained that he was sitting on his couch watching a movie when he heard two pops. He discovered that the kitchen window facing his backyard had been broken. He said that he grabbed his firearm to investigate the incident but did not find anyone in his yard. Upon further investigation, officers suspected that the window was broken out by a blunt object rather than shot out by a firearm.
- * **SUSPICIOUS PERSONS** - Pershing Rd., Report of a white SUV at the park after hours with the occupants doing drugs. On my arrival the subject had been under the pavilion and fled to the woods. There was a strong odor of burnt marijuana at the scene. After a K-9 came to the scene one subject, the vehicles driver came out on his own. He admitted they were hanging out and one of his friends had weed they were smoking. This subject was cited and sent on his way. He declined to name his friends.
- * **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** – Officers were dispatched to Dove Drive. Upon arrival I was greeted by the R/P whom is the homeowner. The R/P informed me that approximately 9:30 PM - 9:45 PM on June 16, 2023 him and his wife were sitting in the house. Both heard a loud noise two times outside. The R/P went outside with a flashlight but she didn't see anything unusual.

On June 17, 2023 approximately 10:00 AM the R/P's wife was outside and she noticed her garage door panels had had 2 giant dents in them. The R/P informed me that these doors are about a year old, maybe newer and there were no dents.

- * **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** – Plum Creek Park - I arrived on scene and made contact with the R/P. He led me to the playground, and showed me several locations in which profane material was written on the equipment. Multiple locations were defaced with racial slurs and other vulgarities. The R/P stated that residents in the area have complained about a group of older teenagers, that come to the park and act suspiciously. The R/P specifically mentioned that residents had complained of teenagers appearing to make several "hand to hand," transactions. The R/P further stated that this group of unruly teenagers seem to come to the park after hours. I took photographs of the profane writing and advised the R/P that an extra patrol email would be put out to the department in reference to the vandalism.

ARRESTS

- * Michael John Rogers, 29 years of age - DWS – Misdemeanor - IC: 9-24-19-3 - Class A Misdemeanor
- * Maria Ramirez-Asicona. 23 years old. Operator never licensed (IC 9-24-18-1) Class C Misdemeanor.
- * Damiana S. Rodgers, 21 years of age - Suspended Registration IC: 9-30-4-8 Class C Misdemeanor
- * Gekiyla Renee Redmond - 23 YOA - Poss of Controlled Substance (35-48-4-7) – Class A Misdemeanor
Poss of Marijuana (35-48-4-11) – Class B Misdemeanor, Warrant, Warrant
- * Mercedes Escalante; 22 - Altered Interim Plate - IC 9-32-6-13(a) - Class C Misdemeanor, Operator Never Issued - IC 9-24-18-1 - Class C Misdemeanor
- * Clifton Stewart Jr - 24 YOA - Operating with Suspended Registration I.C. 9-30-4-8 Class C Misdemeanor
- * Vincent Holloway. 61 years old – Driving While Suspended prior, No insurance.
- * Elijah Clark - Age: 44 - DWS Prior - IC 9-24-19-2 - Class A Misdemeanor





- * Tyshon I Thomas; 22 YOA -Possession of Marijuana- IC: 35-48-4-11- Class B Misdemeanor, Possession of Paraphernalia- IC: 35-48-4-8.3- Class B Misdemeanor
- * Lerone Derrion Jackson - 23 YOA - Possession of Marijuana - IC 35-48-4-11 - Class B Misdemeanor Possession of Paraphernalia - IC 35-48-4-8.3 - Class C Misdemeanor, Suspended Registration - IC 9-30-4-8 – Class C Misdemeanor
- * Maxamus Guerra 21 YOA - Possession Of Controlled Substance~ IC 35-48-4-7(a) Class A Misdemeanor
- * Michael Thomas Anderson Age: 46 - Possession of Marijuana - IC 35-48-4-11(a)(1) – Class B Misdemeanor, Possession of Paraphernalia - IC 35-48-4-8.3(b)(1) – Class C Misdemeanor
- * Jason M. Leflore Sr - Age: 44 - Possession of Marijuana - IC 35-48-4-11 - Class B Misdemeanor
- * Franklin D. Housen III - Age: 25 - DWS Prior - IC 9-24-19-2 - Class A Misdemeanor
- * Cameron F. Cunningham - Age: 21 - Possession of Marijuana - IC 35-48-4-11 - Class B Misdemeanor
- * Melissa Garcia | 39 YOA - Driving while Suspended (Prior) | A-Misdemeanor | IC 9-24-19-2
- * Levi D. Plummer Jr - Age: 25 - Possession of Marijuana - IC 35-48-4-11 - Class B Misdemeanor.
- * Chris F. Ginis - Age: 18 - Possession of Paraphernalia - IC 35-48-4-8.3 - Class C Misdemeanor.
- * Matthew Vincent Paulauski; 28 - Criminal Trespass - IC 35-43-2-2(b)(7) - Class A Misdemeanor Public Intoxication - IC 7.1-5-1-3 - Class B Misdemeanor
- * Christian Saavedra, 30 years old - Operating a Vehicle While Intox w Prior Conviction 9-30-5-3 – Level 6 Felony, Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated - 9-30-5-2 – Class C Misdemeanor, Operating a Vehicle While Intox Endangerment - 9-30-5-2 – Class A Misdemeanor, Invasion of Privacy - 35-46-1-15.1 Class A Misdemeanor, Leaving the Scene of an accident - 9-26-1-1.1 – Class B Misdemeanor
- * E.B. | 13 YOA - Residential Entry | 35-43-2-1.5 | Level 6 Felony, Criminal Trespass | 35-43-2-2(b)(5)(b) | Class A Misdemeanor, Criminal Mischieved | 35-43-1-2(a) | Class B Misdemeanor




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Ordinance of the Week:

Sec. 5-18 Defacement, Destruction, Removal and Disturbance of Property, Equipment and Natural Features.

No person shall injure, deface, destroy, disturb, befoul, or remove any part of the park or any building, sign, equipment or other property found therein; nor shall any person maliciously cut down, destroy or injure a standing or growing vine, bush, shrub, sapling, tree, or flower on park property, or maliciously injure, destroy, disturb or sever from the parkland a product standing or growing or other thing, such as rocks or minerals attached thereto or a part thereof.

(Res. No. 88-4, § 3, 8-4-88 of the Park Board Res. incorporated into **Ord. No. 1267**, § 1, 1-26-94)



Please be careful when receiving letters which are **informing you that your home warranty or life insurance is about to expire.** Never contact people you do not know and only speak directly with businesses that you know and trust.