



# HUNTLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

## COMMUNITY ALERT

### SUN CITY DAYTIME BURGLARIES



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Since 2011, numerous burglaries have occurred in the Sun City community. Although not all exactly the same, **the majority of these break-ins have occurred between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM and have taken place shortly after the homeowner leaves the residence.**

On September 26, a home on Indiana Ct was burglarized. **Historically, this group is active during the early fall. We ask all residents to remain vigilant for suspicious activity in your neighborhood.**

This crew works the entire Chicagoland area and has proven very difficult to apprehend. Many suburban departments along with the Chicago Police are actively working to arrest these individuals with very limited success.

**While the Huntley Police will continue to pursue criminal charges against these burglars, citizens need to be vigilant to play an important role in preventing these crimes.**

The burglars have been both men and women, approximately 35–55 years old with olive color skin. They appear to blend in well with the neighborhood and normally drive rented SUVs or vans. They watch for a homeowner to pull away from their residence and then enter the home.

The burglars may have accomplices walking through the neighborhood talking on a cell phone to help them select a target.

Once entry is made, the burglar goes directly to the master bedroom and takes jewelry and cash. They stay away from items that can be identified such as electronics and items with serial numbers. Fruits of the crime are carried away in a small handbag or pouch.

**If you see suspicious activity, call 9-1-1 immediately so police can respond and investigate.**

**EMERGENCY 911 - NON-EMERGENCY 847-515-5311**

## WHAT THE HUNTLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT IS DOING TO FIGHT THIS CRIME

- Increased patrols and surveillance in the affected area
- Utilizing Police Department volunteer groups to provide additional patrols
- Coordinating with jurisdictions investigating similar crimes
- Additional communications with the Neighborhood Watch groups for the area, who are additional “eyes and ears” for our department
- Offering free home security surveys to any citizen of Huntley - contact us for more information

## HOW CITIZENS CAN HELP

- Purchase a safe for jewelry and cash.
- Photograph all jewelry to help with identification.
- Store your jewelry somewhere other than the master bedroom.
- Contact the Huntley Police for a free home security survey.
- Consider an alarm system. Contract with a service or do it yourself with a door wedge alarm or products such as SimpliSafe.com.
- Post the alarm company decals on your doors and windows.
- Become keenly aware of your surroundings. When you drive away from your home look for suspicious persons. Consider driving around the block and back past your house to check for intruders.
- When leaving for short trips, leave a radio or television on in the home so it appears someone is there.
- Never hesitate to call 9-1-1 if you see anything suspicious.
- Encourage neighbors who are at home during the day to watch for and report suspicious activity to 9-1-1 as soon as possible.
- Be observant when driving through your neighborhood. Watch out for your neighbor’s house.
- A sliding glass door or basement window can be prime entry points. Reinforcement with a piece of wood or crossbar is recommended.
- Consider keeping your second car parked in the driveway when you leave on short trips (*remove your garage door opener from plain view*).
- Make sure the curtains and blinds are shut so the burglar can't see in.
- Lock doors and windows, including garage doors. This may seem obvious but several of the burglaries were through unlocked doors and windows.

**By working together, Sun City residents and the Huntley Police can prevent these incidents and keep Sun City a safe place to live.**

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