

## **Residential burglaries being investigated by Police**

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The Holland Department of Public Safety has investigated several residential burglaries within the past two weeks, most recently last evening where 5 homes were broken into during the late evening hours. Police believe the break-ins that occurred last evening may have been residences targeted while the home owners were away during the firework celebrations.

Other residential break-ins that have occurred appeared to target homes where the residents were away on vacation or gone for the weekend. The locations that have been reported to the police are as follows:

- Wednesday, June 26 – 300 block of W 17th Street
- Wednesday, June 26 – 1100 block of Beech
- Saturday, June 29 – 100 block of W 27th Street
- Saturday, June 29 – 600 block of Lawndale
- Thursday, July 4 – 300 block of W 17th Street
- Thursday, July 4 - 000 block of Cherry
- Thursday, July 4 - 000 block of W 21st Street
- Thursday, July 4 – 1200 block of Birdie Lane
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Police have developed a few leads and in one case the suspect was discovered by a resident who woke up at the time of the break-in and scared the suspect away. The victim was unable to identify a race or any further description, only that it was a male. That incident occurred 11:15 pm last evening in the 1100 block of Birdie Lane. Police did attempt a track of the suspect who fled on foot with a HDPS Canine team however after approximately ½ mile the Police Service Dog (PSD) lost the track.

**Residents are reminded to be aware of and call in any suspicious persons or vehicles in residential areas. Safely attempt to obtain a description of the person or vehicle and license plate information if possible. Residents should inform trusted neighbors or neighborhood watch when they leave on vacation so someone is watching their house for suspicious activity.** Anyone who has information about these cases is urged to contact the Holland Department of Public Safety at (616) 355-1100 or the detectives at 355-1150. Persons also may email investigators at [policetips@cityofholland.com](mailto:policetips@cityofholland.com). For persons wishing to remain anonymous they may call Silent Observer at 1-877-887-4536 or they may visit the SO website at <http://mosotips.com> to submit an e-tip.

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