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## Burglaries in Our Area

*(Two emails about recent burglaries in our area)*

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We had a homeowner on Hunters Gate leave his garage door up after returning from the store at approximately 11:00 am. He was inside for approximately 30 minutes and saw a vehicle driving away with his ladder from the garage. He also noticed some power tools were missing as well as a pressure washer. The home owner acknowledges he should have closed the garage door upon returning and blames himself. He was not able to give me a good description of the vehicle. This incident should serve as a reminder that these thieves are out there looking for easy targets.

Sincerely,

Steve

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Please know that two families from St. Matthew just recently had their homes burglarized in the same way in broad daylight, at approximately noon.

Both houses - one in Charter Oaks off Vance Jackson and the other off Kyle-Seale Rd. - had the front door kicked in and the thieves helped themselves to everything they could put their hands on....Plasma TV (50inch!!), lap tops including the external hard drives, jewelry, weapons..... Both houses were trashed and even closets were turned upside down. PLEASE if you have an alarm system USE IT when you are not home and even when you are home. You do not want an intrusion while you are home. If your kids will be home during the summer while you are at work make sure they have a line of defense and have working knowledge of the alarm system while they are at home too.

We spoke to the police about this and alarms and barking dogs do help along with varying your arrival and departure times so that anyone watching will not see a pattern. Get to know your neighbors and report any suspicious vehicles or people to the police.