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Crime Alert-Residential Burglaries

The Owatonna Police Department is requesting citizens to be alert in observing and reporting suspicious behavior during the early evening and nighttime hours.

During the past two days, three separate incidents of residential burglaries in the northeast section of the city have been reported to the Owatonna Police Department. In each instance, forced entry was made into the residence through lower/ground level windows.

There is little to no suspect information at this time.

What can you do:

- Please be alert to suspicious activity and don't hesitate to call 911 to report it. This includes strangers walking or loitering about your neighborhoods, apparent juveniles out after curfew, vehicles you don't recognize circling your neighborhood, or sounds such as glass breaking or loud banging.
- Record descriptions of suspicious people and/or vehicle(s) and obtain license plate numbers when possible.
- Never leave your home or personal property unsecured. Always lock all doors and windows when you leave home.
- Leave outdoor lights overnight, or consider installing photosensitive lighting that operates from dusk to dawn.

These incidents are under investigation by the Owatonna Police Department. Anyone with information regarding these incidents is requested to please contact the Owatonna Police Department-Captain Eric G. Rethemeier @ 507-774-7203 or Inv. Jason Petterson @ 507-774-7218.

