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Police beef up efforts to capture suspects involved in stealing copper from vacant buildings

FORT PIERCE – In an attempt to identify the suspect or suspects involved in stealing copper from vacant buildings, police are reaching out to local residents for help.

Using web-based telephone resident notification, crime analysis and increased police presence, we are optimistic the cases will be solved, said Chief R. Sean Baldwin.

Since February 4, there have been 12 burglaries to vacant buildings with the majority of the crimes being committed at vacant residences. The suspect or suspects are spending a considerable amount of time in the buildings tearing out walls and removing copper.

These crimes have occurred primarily in the northwest area of the City of Fort Pierce. The area being targeted is bounded by Avenue O, U.S. Highway 1, Orange Avenue and 19th Street.

“This type of crime tends to run in cycles,” said Chief Baldwin. “Right now we are experiencing a rash of burglaries where the suspects are specifically looking to steal copper.”

“We are urging residents to call 911, if they see anyone entering vacant buildings during non-working hours or hear any construction work being conducted at night,” he said.

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