

# Ft. Pierce Police Department

## News Release

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### Police seek community help in solving neighborhood burglaries

*Residents urged to be aware and practice crime prevention*

**FORT PIERCE** – Over the past several months the Fort Pierce Police Department has responded to numerous residential burglaries within the area bounded by South 7<sup>th</sup> Street to South 20<sup>th</sup> Street and Orange Avenue and Georgia Avenue.

Police Chief R. Sean Baldwin urges residents to remember to lock all doors and windows before going to bed.

Police determined the majority of the burglaries have occurred between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m. Thieves are taking primarily wallets, purses and cash. The burglar or burglars are entering the homes through unlocked doors and windows and in some cases have removed property from the bedrooms of victims while they are sleeping.

While there is no particular suspect description at this time, police are also asking citizens to report any suspicious activity by calling 911. If you have any information about these crimes you can call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-273-8477. You may remain anonymous and be eligible for up to a \$1,000.00 reward. Residents can also call the Fort Pierce Police Department and speak with Detective Aleita Smith at 772-468-1805 ext 5248.

#### **Crime Prevention Tips:**

- Lock doors and windows
- Illuminate the outside of your home, paying specific attention to access areas
- Trim bushes and hedges to reduce hiding places for criminals
- Use deadbolt lock on doors if so equipped
- Get to know your neighbors
- Immediately report suspicious activity to 911
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times

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