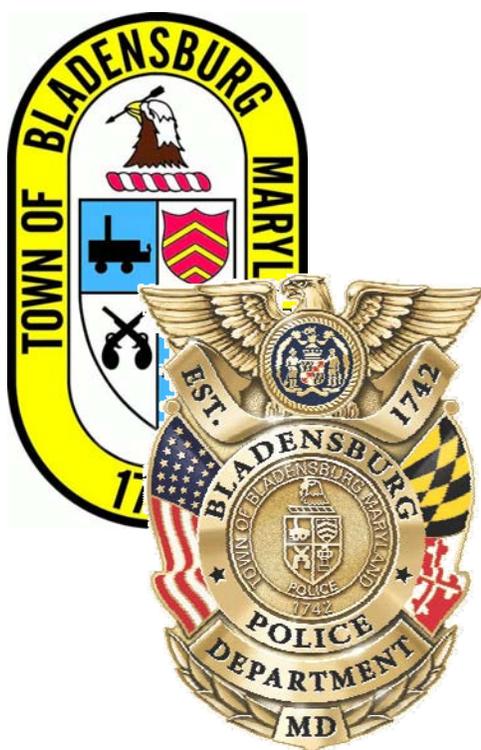


Bladensburg Police Department

Monthly Report

To

Mayor & Town Council



“Partners With The Community”

May 2015

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Department of Public Safety

VISION

A recognized and regional leader in providing comprehensive law enforcement services

MISSION

The Bladensburg Police Department, in partnership with our community, is dedicated to:

- Preventing crime
- Enforcing laws
- Resolving community problems
- Improving the quality of life

GOALS

Maximize department effectiveness targeting the reduction of crime

- Focused deployment of resources
- Target crime analysis strategies toward worst offenders
- Resolve chronic nuisances and criminal activity using code enforcement, public works, training, and community

Provide outstanding service to our community

- Recruit and retain a highly qualified, diverse workforce
- Emphasize customer service internally and externally
- Recognize excellent performance and service
- Maintain professional standards through training, leadership, and mentoring

Identify and prepare resources for successful response to local and regional public safety needs

- Identify and leverage new technologies to address emerging issues
- Update, implement, and train emergency preparedness plans
- Maintain and develop partnerships to address criminal justice needs

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Burglary

All homes are at risk of being victimized by burglary; however, those that provide criminals with the opportunity to sneak onto the premises undetected, or that allows easy access with poor security fixtures or an open or unlocked door or window, are at a higher risk of being targeted.

There are four primary strategies you can employ to minimize the burglar's opportunity to commit this crime at your home:

- (1) Physical Security
- (2) Alarms
- (3) Neighborhood Watch
- (4) Operation Identification

Time, noise and light are a burglar's worst enemy. With a little effort, you can set up deterrents against possible danger, injury to people or damage to property. By anticipating the opportunity and taking proper preventative action, it is possible to effectively "harden the target" and discourage most burglars from attempting a break-in.

Included in the following pages are steps that you can take to improve the security of your home. Many of these suggestions are inexpensive and some can be done yourself.

Physical Security

Interior Lighting

Keep some interior lights on when you are away from home. This creates the appearance that someone is home. Use a timer to turn the lights off and on at normal hours. A radio set to a talk station and kept playing makes it sound like someone is in the house, and adds to the illusion that the home is occupied.

Alarms

Many types of alarm systems work well to protect homes. The system should be individually tailored to suit the needs of the residents.

Windows

Windows should have auxiliary locking devices. Keep your windows closed and locked when you are away. Screens and storm windows should be securely fastened to the structure.

Landscaping

Lush landscape provides hiding places for criminals to lurk while breaking into your home. Prune bushes down to two feet in height and limb the lower branches of trees up at least six feet from the ground.

Exterior Doors

Install solid-core wood or metal doors with rugged frames that cannot be spread apart with a pry bar. Install a single cylinder deadbolt with a one inch throw, in addition to the key-in-the-knob lock. Use a wide angle viewer to observe visitors. Reinforce strike-plates and hinges with 3" screws.

Garage Doors

Always keep them closed and locked. A burglar in your garage has access to tools to steal and ladders that can be used to gain entry onto the 2nd floor. Reinforce a door leading from the garage into the house the same as you would your front door, with a dead-bolt lock, peephole and 3" screws in the hinges and strike-plate. Change the security code from the factory-setting of all garage door openers.

Exterior Lighting

A 40 watt light at each entrance, including the garage, will provide you with both safety and security. Leave these lights on during the hours of darkness. Photo-sensitive lights that automatically turn on and off during the hours of darkness are great tools to provide lighting in obscured areas.

Other Tips:

- ❑ Address numbers need to be large and visible from the street and alley; preferably under a light source to aid emergency responders in finding your house should you need to call 9 11. If you have a house with an alley that runs behind it, put your address numbers on the back of the house or on any garage that faces the alley, as well.
- ❑ Use gravel or lava rock around your home instead of beauty bark. Gravel makes noise when stepped on, while beauty bark is silent. Crunching gravel can alert you to a trespasser outside.
- ❑ Plant sharp and thorny bushes in vulnerable spots like under windows and around exterior doors.

Locks

Locks are the first line of defense against intruders. No one would argue with this statement. But too few homeowners know if the locks on their premises provide any reasonable degree of protection against thieves. It has often been said that “the average lock is designed to keep out honest men.” Locks on the market today range from bad to excellent in their protective qualities. Therefore, it is important to know which locks work and which ones do not.

No lock, no matter how good, can make a house, store, office or factory burglar-proof. However, good locks can be an effective deterrent and can make the difference between the burglar considering your premises easy or difficult to enter; and the more difficult it is, the less likely he is to try or to succeed.

Primary Locks

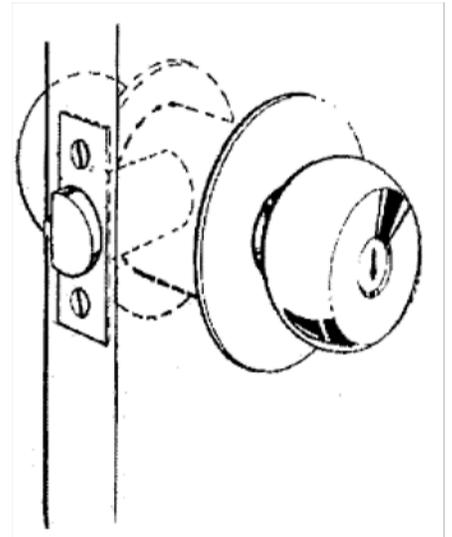
Key-in-Knob Locks

These locks have the cylinder in the knob and are commonly called cylindrical locks.

Extra force on the knob can defeat the locking mechanism. In most cases, cylinders are not designed with pick-resistant features. Keys can be readily duplicated.

Two kinds of latches are common to these locks, the spring latch and the deadlocking latch.

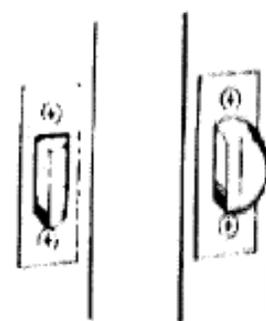
Security: Minimum



The Spring Latch

Since the bolt is spring-operated, it can be pushed out of the striker plate by inserting a piece of plastic (credit card), thin metal or wire between the door and frame. The bolt can also be held back by tape or the hole in the striker can be stuffed with wadding.

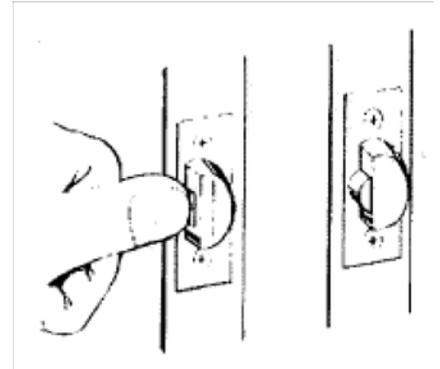
Security: None



Dead Latch Bolts

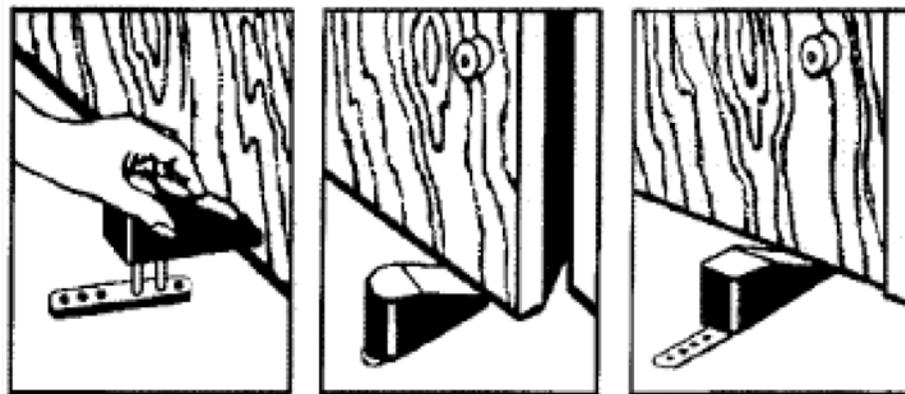
This is identical to a standard latch bolt in operation but when the door is shut, the latch becomes 'dead,' the spring action having been blocked by a lever operated by a "pin" beside the bolt. This "pin" is depressed by part of the striker plate when the door is shut. Very little force may be required to move the bolt out of the striker.

Security: Minimal



Door Wedge

A wedge is inexpensive and when two steel pins are inserted into the floor place, the door may be opened a few inches. The pins prevent the wedge from slipping if force is applied to the door from the outside. When not in use, it stores in a convenient holder. This type or a wedge with a non-skid surface instead of a pin may also be useful for bedroom doors. Also consider putting an extension phone in the bedroom for emergencies.



Auxiliary Locks

Deadbolts

The deadbolt gets its name from the fact that it does not move (is "dead") except with a key or thumb turn. It cannot be slipped with a card or tool because it has no spring attached. This means that to lock a deadbolt, you must use a key from the outside. If you pull your door shut and walk away, your deadbolt is not locked and your house is not secure. There are a few things you should check when selecting a deadbolt lock.

The "bolt" should be no less than 1" when fully extended and should retain part of the bolt within the mechanism of the lock. This ensures some degree of strength where the bolt and mechanism meet.



The outside collar surround the cylinder should be of a substantial construction, i.e. not a thin alloy that can be easily crushed or ripped open. "Slip rings" are a feature of some slightly more expensive models. They allow the collar to rotate freely. This prevents the cylinder from being twisted off with vice grips or a pipe wrench.

It is important that a suitable strike plate be attached to the frame to ensure a strong anchor point for the bolt to sit in.

This lock is available with a double cylinder (key required to lock it from the inside as well as the outside). This is recommended for commercial applications only, not residential. Many fire prevention professionals warn that double-cylinder deadbolts create a health hazard in the event your family must flee the home quickly to avoid fire.



Hinges

Check to see if the screws in the hinge leaves are small screws. If so, replace them with larger screws. Where possible, use screws at least 3 inches long to go into the wall stud beyond the frame. When using larger screws, first drill a pilot hole slightly larger than the screw shank to prevent splitting the frame.

Exposed Hinges

Most exterior doors in homes and apartments open inward with the hinges on the inside. This arrangement protects the hinges from tampering. If your door opens outward, you must make sure that your exposed hinges are secure.

If your hinges are the kind from which pins cannot be removed, your exposed hinges are secure. If, however, the exposed hinge-pins can be removed, then you should consider changing hinges to the non-removable, commercially-pinned type.

Alternatively, drill a matching hole in each leaf or remove a matching screw from each. Into one hole, insert a screw that is ½" longer than the hole is deep into the door leaf. Cut off the screw-head with a hacksaw. Now when the door closes, the headless screw will fit into the hole on the opposite leaf and hold the door to the frame even with hinge pins removed.

Strikers

When considering a "deadbolt" as an auxiliary lock, it is often forgotten that, although this improves the means of locking the door, there still remains a weakness in the door frame to force applied to the door.

A metal strike is installed on or in the door frame and is intended to house and protect the bolt of the lock. A typical strike is shown opposite and is often fastened with ¾" screws. Install at least 3" screws.

Most standard strike plates are small and are installed with short screws. It is important that the desired measure of security is not compromised. Therefore, an extended strike plate should be added to the frame to complement a good deadbolt. These extended strike plates are available from

locksmiths or your local hardware store, in 8" or 12" sizes, and when attached with 2-1/2" to 3" screws, add a substantial degree of strength to the frame. A high security box-type strike installed with 2-1/2" to 3" screws through the door jam and into the wall stud will offer a strong housing for the bolt of a deadbolt lock.

Exterior Doors

Exterior wooden doors should be solid-core but some may be hollow-core. Test yours by knocking on them. If a door sounds hollow, you have a door made of two thin wood panels filled with cardboard, Styrofoam or fiber filler. It is easy to punch or cut a hole through a hollow-core door and reach the lock inside.

Replace the hollow-core or window door with a solid-core door. (Hollow-core doors are not suitable for exterior use in any case.) Or better still, a steel door with suitable hardware will provide both security and better insulation.

A more economical solution is to reinforce the door on both sides with sheets of plywood, wood-grained Formica, etc.

Even if your door is solid, you need to be concerned about the locks on the door.

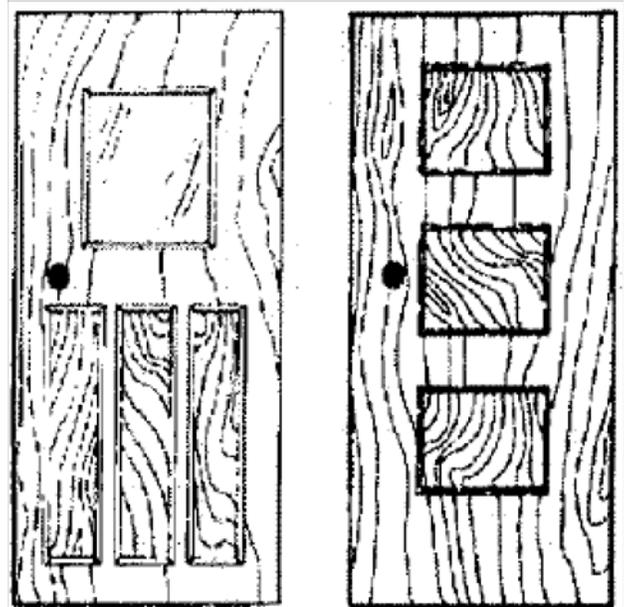
Exterior Doors with Glass or Thin Panels

Wooden doors with inset glass or thin wooden panels are easy for a burglar to penetrate and reach the lock inside. Burglars can also reach locks by breaking glass near doors.

Inspect the glass in or by your entrance. Consider installing a shatter-resistant plastic film adhered to the inside surface or a polycarbonate (generically known as "security film") to the inside window frame.

Window Glass and Plastics

If a door presents a reasonable barrier, a burglar may try to enter through a window by forcing open the window catch with a screwdriver or pry bar. If this fails, some will try to remove a pane of glass by removing the glazing splines or putty with a knife. If this does not work, the burglar may break the glass, reach in and release the window latch.



To reduce the opportunity for entry by breaking window glass, consider the following suggestions:

- ❑ An operable window, if seldom used and not required as an emergency exit, can be closed with tamper-resistant screws.
- ❑ Replace thin glass with tempered or laminated glass. Reinforce the glazing spline with longer finish nails, replace the old putty and while doing so, add additional glazing points to make certain windows can't be removed from the exterior. If necessary, it would be better to replace the sash with one where the glazing is held in place by an interior spline.
- ❑ Normal window pane glass is about 1/8" thick, extremely brittle and easily broken. Plate glass is usually a minimum of 1/4" thick and will withstand an accidental knock. Plate glass

is used for larger areas because of its greater strength due to increased thickness, and because the initial cost is worth the extra protection. Tempered glass, in addition to providing greater strength than ordinary glass for equivalent thickness, will not cut someone who breaks it.

Highest Resistance (unbreakable)

- Polycarbonate plastic, vinyl-bonded laminate glass, ½" thick or more.
- Acrylic plastic sheets, 3/8" thick or more.

Medium Resistance (vandal-resistant)

- Wired glass, 1/4" thick.
- Laminated glass, approximately 1/8" thick.
- Acrylic plastic, approximately 1/8" thick depending on specific chemical characteristics.

Medium Resistance (break-resistant)

- Plate glass, 1/4" thick.
- Conventional float or sheet window glass, more than 1/4" thick.
- Tempered plate glass, 1/8" or more in thickness.

Shatter-resistant Security Film

Security Film is a transparent laminate that makes windows stronger and more impenetrable. When applied to windows, it will hold the glass firmly in place if broken.

Security Film is especially useful in windows in or adjacent to doors, to help prevent a burglar from breaking the glass, reaching in and unlocking the door.

Heavy Duty Screens

Heavy duty-window screens can be used to protect vulnerable areas. Insure that windows with these screens have an inside emergency latch release.

Ornamental Grillwork

Ornamental grillwork can be used to protect windows that are particularly vulnerable and easily accessible. To insure fire safety, use an inside release mechanism that is approved by your fire department so you can remove the grill in an emergency.

No untreated glass should be used when security is a problem in doors or entry ways. Even when dead-bolts are used, if untreated glass panels would give a burglar access to the thumb-turn, that glass should be replaced with treated glass, break-resistant plastic, or have an application of security film.

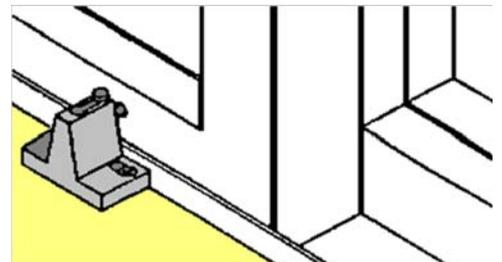
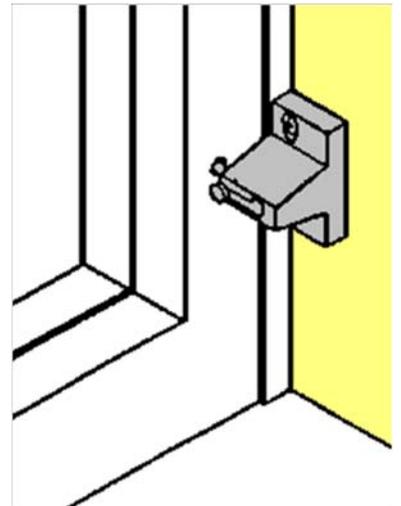
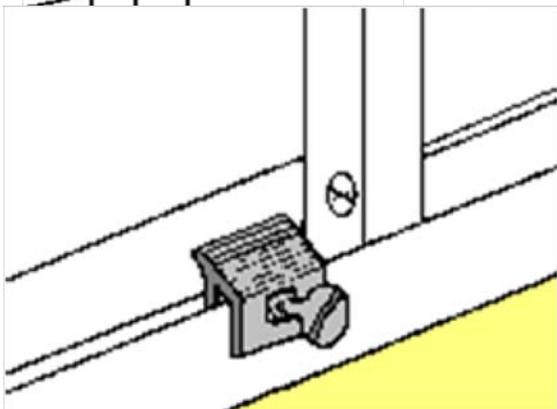
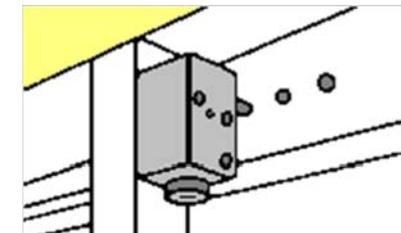
Garages and Basements

Basements usually have the casement-style windows and are vulnerable to entry. Young people need very little space though which to enter a home, and poor window catches offer little resistance. Metal window bars or grills should be fastened to the inside of the window frame with an emergency latch release, to aid in exiting your home should a fire occur.



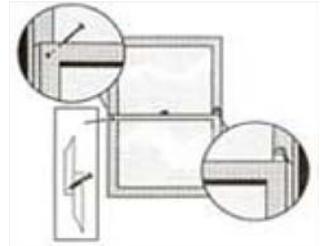
Auxiliary Window pins and locks

To help prevent a sliding door or windows from being pried open horizontally, auxiliary locks like the type pictured below are recommended. These can be purchased at a very low cost from hardware or home improvement stores. You need a pin/lock that either extends a bolt into the door/window frame, or screws in place at the bottom of the track.



Pinning double-hung windows

To better secure a double-hung window, drill a hole at an angle through the frame of both panes of glass when the window is closed. Insert a long nail into the hole, and this acts as an auxiliary lock.



Sliding Patio door locks

Many home owners choose to drop a wooden dowel in the bottom track of a sliding window or door to keep the glass from being moved horizontally, thus denying entry to a thief who tries to pry the door latch.

Another way to secure the door is with the purchase of a hinged metal bar that fits across the span of the glass and locks in place. The bar can be opened from the inside to open the sliding door.



French or Double Doors

Your first concern with French or double doors is to brace one door with recessed cane bolts to reduce inward “give” of the doors. This leaves only one door active. Then install a single cylinder deadbolt with a one inch throw in the other door.

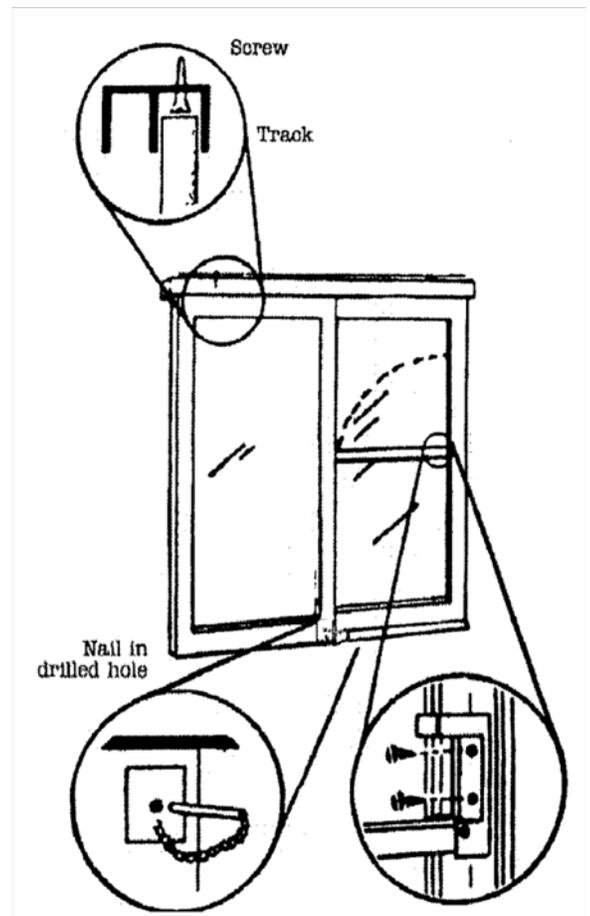
Sliding Doors and Windows

Exterior sliding doors and windows have a number of security problems in common. Many glass doors and sliding windows have flimsy locks that are easily pried or even jiggled open.

If the door or window slides on an inside track, you may use a metal rod or cut down a length of wooden dowel to fit snugly along the bottom track to prevent the door from being forced open.

A “Charlie Bar” is a more permanent and visible means of preventing lateral movement. Some models are designed to fit an outside sliding door panel.

Some doors and windows can be secured with a pin. Inspect your door or window in the fully-closed position. If the frame permits drilling, drill a hole through the outside frame and halfway through the sliding one. Slide into place a pin or sturdy nail that fits snugly to prevent the door or window from being forced up or back. Be careful when drilling through the frame that you do not damage the thermal seal or the glass. Fire safety requires that pin locks be installed at the bottom of a window, not at the top. This is to avoid super-heated air near the ceiling of a home engulfed in flames.



Additional Security Measures

Exterior Lights

Lighting is considered one of the best deterrents to burglary. High pressure sodium or mercury vapor lights attached to timers are very effective tools that prevent trouble.

Passive infrared sensors that turn lights on when movement is detected are available. They are excellent for enclosed backyards, sidewalks or driveways. They can be cumbersome when the area has a lot of foot traffic or animals.

Interior Lights

During the hours of darkness, and prior to a normal bedtime hour, a home should have lights on in various rooms. A home not showing any interior lights will give the appearance of being unoccupied and could attract the unwanted attention of a burglar. Similarly, a home owner who leaves lights on when absent for a weekend or longer will attract attention to the home during the night because all other homes in the area are in darkness.

A light timer installed in a living room or family room and another in a bedroom, each set to come on and at go off at different time, will give your home the appearance of being occupied during the hours of darkness even when it is not. Timers can also be used to turn on and off a radio.



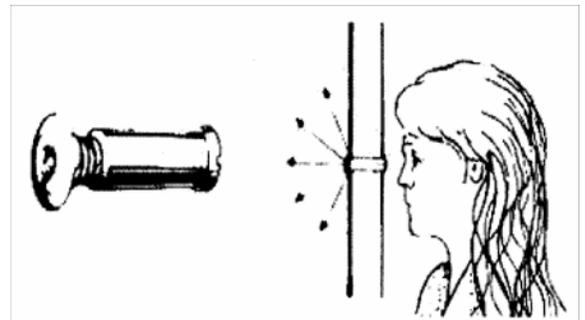
Chain Locks

The chain lock is often used as a night latch. Chain locks are not recommended because they are usually mounted with short screws and have weak chains.

Trough-Door Viewers

In order to avoid opening your door without knowing who is there, a viewing device is recommended.

The best solution is to install a through-door viewer, a miniature telescope with a side angle (220-degree) lens to let you see someone standing to one side of the door. These are relatively inexpensive and will adjust to varying door thicknesses.

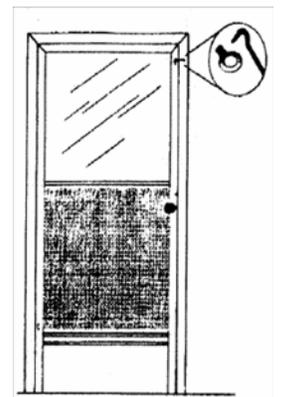


Ladders

Step or extension ladders should not be left outside the house unless secured to an anchor point with a chain and padlock. Similarly, ladders left unsecured in an open garage will afford easy access to a burglar.

Storm Doors

In warm weather, people like to leave their doors open, relying upon the locked storm door to secure the house while working upstairs or in the yard. Slitting the screen will allow a thief quick and quiet access to the inside lock and consequent entry to the home.



Install a "hook and eye" on the upper part of the storm door. This will hold the

door closed even if the would be thief tampers with the door lock.

Keep in mind that a “hook and eye” provides minimal to no security, and that this type of door should be an auxiliary door only, you will still need a solid core exterior door with dead bolt as previously recommended.

Garages

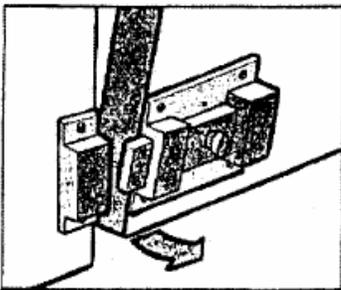
Keep the garage door locked at all times. There is no need to advertise your absence by showing the public your empty garage. Your garage also probably contains valuable items such as bicycles, tools and garden equipment. The burglar may drive right into your garage, close the door and load up the goods, or break into your house from the garage by using your tools to force entry.

The entrance door between a garage and the home should be a solid core wooden or metal door with a single cylinder deadbolt.

As most garage doors contain less than satisfactory locking devices, you may wish to have a better grade installed. In addition, if you have an overhead garage door, you can increase security by drilling a hole in one of the tracks or door or both and placing a hook or other device in the hole to stop the door from being opened.



Double side hinged garage doors can be made more secure by the installation of bolts. You may wish to consider installing an automatic garage door opener. This device allows you to stay in the safety of your vehicle until the garage door opens instead of having to get out to open it.



A sliding bolt for a garage door that swings out and up.

It is best to purchase a dual frequency remote garage door opener and a worm drill or locking chain mechanism. If possible, when purchasing a garage door opener, change the frequency from the factory setting. Many garage door openers have the same

factory setting and one persons' remote control can often open the garage door at other people's homes.

Community Resource Unit officers work in partnership with community members, community groups, schools, businesses, other governmental departments and agencies to help bring all available resources to address crime and disorder problems. For more information about our Community Resource Unit, call the C.O.P.'s Program Supervisor, Private First Class David Calloway, at (301) 927-8126, e-mail at cops@bladensburg.net, or stop-by the office at 5012 57 Avenue A3, Bladensburg, MD 20710.

POLICE BLOTTER

May 2015

COMMUNITY SERVICES

41 families received fresh vegetables donated by Christian Life Center.

1,122 children received nourishment through an after school program sponsored by Family league of Baltimore.

52 seniors received food donated by Capital area food bank.

7 residents were assisted with healthy living resources.

Bladensburg High School Seniors distributed Food from Christian Life Center for to Bladensburg families in-need.

Prince George's County Department of Social Services meets at Every Wednesday 1pm -5pm.

Distributed community notification flyers,

Committee Meetings:

- SYEP (Summer Youth Employment Program).
- National Night Out Planning Committee.
- Bladensburg Aesthetics.

Event Participation:

- Cinco de Mayo Celebration.
- Emerson House Mother day Cruise Honoring The Senior Mothers.
- Rogers Height's Elementary School Career Day.

Clothing and Food distribution at the Community Resource Office.

COPS

School Visits

May 1, Safety checks at Rogers Heights Elementary School.

May 8, Rogers Heights Elementary School career day.

May 8, Safety check at Bladensburg High School.

May 11, Pedestrian crossing presentation to students at Port Towns and Roger's Heights Elementary Schools.

May 22, Bladensburg Elementary School career day.

Enforcement

- Traffic enforcement in the area of Tilden Road & 56th Avenue. 12 traffic citations were issued.
- Identified three 18th Street gang members during a traffic stop.
- Arrested an adult male for theft and operating an illegal taxi service in town.
- Arrested an adult male near the 5000 blk of 57th Avenue, for trespassing and possession of narcotics.
- Arrested an adult female for possession of narcotics and drug paraphernalia.

Meetings

- TNI meeting at Bladensburg Town Hall.
- Hosted the combined Port Town's National Night Out committee meeting.

THE BEAT

May 1, Stolen Vehicle in the 4100 block of Street.

May 1, Recovered Stolen Vehicle in the 4100 block of Street.

May 1, Warrant Service in the area of 48th Street and Kenilworth Avenue. An adult male was arrested.

May 2, Theft in the 4600 block of Upshur Street.

May 2, Trespassing in the 4200 block of 58th Avenue.

May 2, Warrant Service in the area of Buchanan Street and Kenilworth Avenue. An adult male was arrested.

May 2, Theft in the 4100 block of Kenilworth Avenue.

May 2, Assault in the 5200 block of Newton Street.

May 3, Vandalism in the 4300 block of 57th Avenue.

May 3, Shooting in the 3800 block of Kenilworth Avenue. This incident is under investigation.

May 4, Stolen vehicle in the 4600 block of Red Hawk Terrace.

May 4, Stolen vehicle in the 4100 block of 53rd Street.

May 4, Theft in the 5400 block of Annapolis Road.

May 4, Trespassing in the 4900 block of 57th Avenue.

May 4, Vandalism in the 5900 block of 57th Avenue.

May 4, Fraud in the 5400 block of Taussig Road.

May 5, Stolen Vehicle in the 5800 block of Annapolis Road.

May 5, Assault in the 5400 block of Annapolis Road.

May 5, Burglary in the 5400 block of Spring Road.

May 5, Vandalism in the 5000 block of 57th Avenue.

May 6, Fight in the 5500 block of Tilden Road. A juvenile female was under arrest.

May 6, Weapons Offense in the area of 53rd Place and Shepard Street. An adult male was arrested.

May 6, Sex Offense in the 4200 block of 58th Avenue.

May 7, Theft in the 5400 block of Annapolis Road.

May 7, Theft in the 5900 block of Emerson Street.

May 8, Assault in the 5700 block of Emerson Street.

May 8, Trespassing in the 5700 block of Emerson Street.

May 9, Threats in the 4400 block of Blue Heron Way.

May 9, Vandalism in the 4400 block of Blue Heron Way.

May 9, Stolen Vehicle in the 5800 block of Annapolis Road.

May 11, Illegal Dumping in the area of 56th Avenue/Tilden Road. An adult male was arrested.

May 11, Assault in the 5200 block of Newton Street.

May 11, Burglary in the 4200 block of 58th Avenue.

May 12, Assault in the 4900 block of Annapolis Road.

May 13, Vandalism in the 4200 block of 55th Avenue.

May 13, Robbery in 5600 block of Annapolis Road.

May 14, Recovered Vehicle in the 5200 block of Newton Street.

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May 15, Fight in the 5200 block of Newton Street.

May 15, Burglary in the 4200 block of 53rd Avenue.

May 15, Domestic in the 5400 block of Varnum Street.

May 17, Vandalism in the 5200 block of Varnum Street.

May 17, Domestic in the 5400 block of Taylor Street.

May 18, Alcohol violation at in the 4800 block of Annapolis Road. An adult male was arrested.

May 18, Death Investigation in the 5900 block of Emerson Street.

May 18, Domestic in the 5400 block of Taussig Road

May 19, Stolen Vehicle in the 4300 block of 57th Avenue.

May 20, Theft in the 5600 block of Annapolis Road.

May 20, Assault in the 4200 block of 57th Avenue.

May 20, Vandalism in the 5600 block of Annapolis Road.

May 20, Theft in the 4600 block of Red Hawk Terrace.

May 20, Vandalism in the 5600 block of Spring Road.

May 20, Vehicle stop in the area of 56th Avenue and Tilden Road. An adult male was arrested.

May 21, Theft in the 4300 block of 57th Avenue.

May 22, Recovered Vehicle in the 5600 block of Spring Road.

May 22, Theft in the 4200 block of 58th Avenue.

May 24, Burglary in the 4200 block of 58th Avenue.

May 24, Theft in the 4900 block of Annapolis Road.

May 24, Driving Under the Influence in the 5600 block of Annapolis Road. An adult male was arrested.

May 25, Driving Under the Influence in the 4300 block of Kenilworth Avenue. An adult male was arrested.

May 25, Domestic in the 4200 block of 58th Avenue.

May 26, Domestic in the 5000 block of Townsend Way.

May 26, Theft in the 5800 block of Annapolis Road.

May 27, Theft in the 3800 block of Kenilworth Avenue.

May 28, Drugs in the 5000 block of 57th Avenue. An adult male was arrested.

May 28, Missing person in the 5200 block of Newton Street.

May 28, Drugs in the 5600 block of Annapolis Road. An adult female was arrested.

May 29, Missing person in the 6000 block of Logan Way.

May 30, Theft in the 5700 block of Emerson Street.

May 31, Theft in the 4800 block of Annapolis Road.

INVESTIGATIONS

Investigations are working to identify the suspect in a drive-by style shooting in the 3800 block of Kenilworth Avenue. Preliminary investigation reveals that three people were walking in a parking lot when several shots were fired from a passing vehicle. The Prince Georges County Crime Solvers have offered up to a \$1,000.00 reward for information that leads to an arrest and prosecution.

An arrest warrant was issued for 20-year-old Gerald Anthony Evans of Washington, DC, alleging carnal knowledge of a 15-year-old female. Evans is currently evading apprehension.

Message from the Chief of Police

Maryland Motorists with Disabilities

Maryland's registration plates and placards for individuals with disabilities display the wheelchair symbol and are recognized nationwide. Note: The American's with Disabilities Act does not prevent payment of parking meter fees by an individual with a disability. Therefore, you should verify requirements of feeding parking meters and the time limit allowed in the jurisdiction you are visiting.

May I use my disability placard or plate when traveling in other states?

Yes, all States must recognize removable disability placards, temporary disability placards and special license plates which have been issued by authorities of other states for the purpose of identifying vehicle(s) permitted to utilize parking spaces reserved for persons with disabilities. Although States must recognize disability placards, temporary disability placards and special license plates to utilize parking spaces reserved for persons with disabilities, you may not be entitled to free-metered parking.

The MVA Ensures Safety, Convenience and Mobility for All Motorists with Disabilities

Maryland citizens with disabilities are eligible for parking accommodations:

Drivers with disabilities who qualify for special parking placards and registration plates have several accommodations available to them:

You're exempt from paying parking meter fees in Maryland if the parking meters do not meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and can park for up to twice the maximum allowable time shown on the meter (not to exceed four hours). Please note: Areas outside of Maryland, including the District of Columbia, have different parking meter exemption laws. Please check with their local government to obtain parking meter exemption information.

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Van Accessible Parking Spaces

Some disability spaces are marked "van accessible." These spaces are designed with extra wide access aisles (eight feet wide) to accommodate vans with lifts and minivans with ramps, which require more space. Drivers with a disability placard or plate who do not have these special vehicles, should park in regular disability spaces first and only park in van accessible spaces if all other disability spaces are filled.

Exclusions to Accommodations

Accommodations for motorists with disabilities do not apply to zones where stopping, standing, or parking is prohibited to all vehicles, and spaces which are reserved for special types of vehicles.

Accommodations are not available where there is a local ordinance prohibiting any parking during heavy traffic periods such as morning, afternoon or evening rush hours, or where parking is clearly a traffic hazard.



Always check specific posted signs before you park, since you cannot disregard zones prohibiting all vehicles.

Displaying the Placard and Plates

Placards must be hung on the inside rearview mirror. If the vehicle does not have an inside mirror, or the inside mirror is not visible from the rear, you may display the placard on top of the dashboard on the driver's side. Please make sure the placard side displayed shows the expiration date of the disability placard.

Note: You must remove all hanging placards from the rearview mirror while your vehicle is in motion.

You must always have your copy of the medical certification in your possession whenever you use the placard or plates. This certification must be presented to law enforcement upon request.

Penalties for Misuse of Parking Accommodations for People with Disabilities

Anyone committing fraud or misrepresenting themselves when applying for or using a parking placard for people with disabilities is subject to a fine of up to \$500. If disability conditions are not met, the plate/placards may be revoked.



Neighborhood Speed Watch Program

Radar-equipped signs encourage motorists to reduce speed.

The radar speed sign collects traffic data of passing cars. If a driver is speeding, the sign flashes the car's speed making the driver aware that they are exceeding the speed limit.

Drivers are reminded of the safety issues of speeding, as well as the penalty and cost if they get a speeding ticket.

Events and Meetings

- May 2, Cinco de Mayo celebration.
- May 2, Bostwick Spring Festival.
- May 6, Annual Fallen Heros Memorial Service, New Covenant Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, Colmar Manor, Maryland.
- May 8, Prince George's County Public safety Communications interoperability planning meeting.
- May 11, Council work session and public meeting.
- May 13, Annual Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company claims briefing.
- May 15, Discussion with the state program manager for storm-water management regarding the maintenance of planned bio-swales along Edmonston Road.
- May 19, Teleconference with Management Partners regarding scheduling of Strategic Plan process.
- May 22, Special public meeting for budget deliberation and related matters.
- May 25, Memorial Day observance.
- May 30, Special public meeting for budget deliberation.
- Attended all staff meetings.

Statistical Abstract

Traffic Enforcement	May 2015
Vehicle Stops	180
Citations	280
Warnings	123
Repair Orders (Issued)	54
Parking Citations	13

Departmental Activity	May 2015
Arrests	16
Assigned to Calls (in hours)	950
Calls for Service	590
Court Appearances (in hours)	55
Off-Duty Response (in hours)	23
Prisoner Processing (in hours)	36
Self Initiated Service (in hours)	319
Special Activity (in hours)	121
Training (in hours)	16

Part 1 Crimes

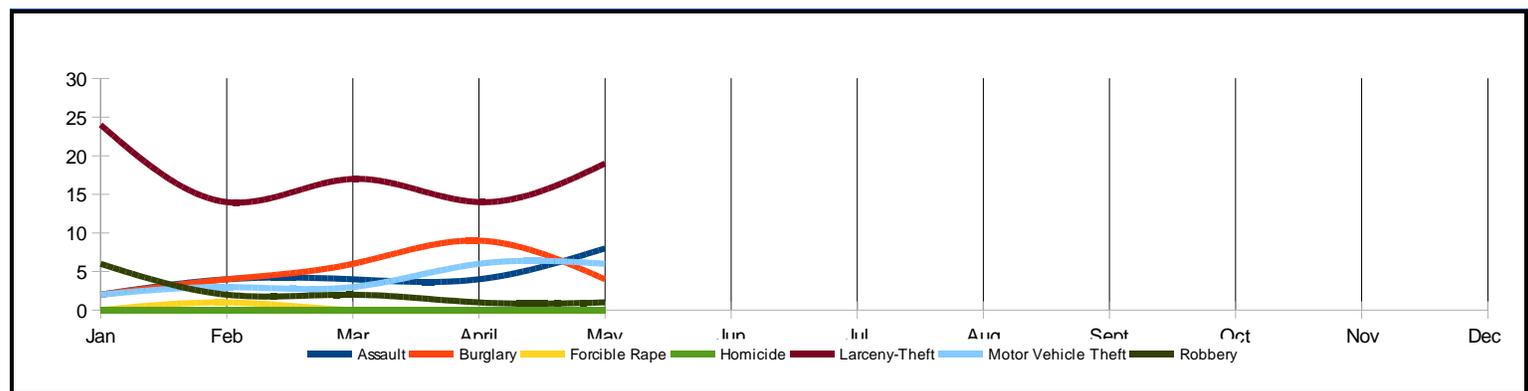
Part I crimes fall into two categories: violent and property crimes. Aggravated assault, forcible rape, murder, and robbery are classified as violent while arson, burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft are classified as property crimes. These crimes are considered quite serious, tend to be reported more reliably than others, and are reported directly to the police.

**Bladensburg Police Department
Part 1 Offense Comparison**

3014	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Assault	9	5	3	6	11	3	9	11	14	7	5	8	91
Burglary	18	8	10	3	11	7	8	7	4	6	12	4	98
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homicide	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Larceny-Theft	29	13	9	19	31	21	15	16	21	28	19	28	249
Motor Vehicle Theft	5	5	5	5	5	7	6	4	6	10	19	3	80
Robbery	5	3	1	0	5	1	4	2	4	7	4	4	40
Total	66	34	28	34	63	39	42	40	49	58	59	47	559

2015	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Assault	2	4	4	4	8								22
Burglary	2	4	6	9	4								25
Forcible Rape	0	1	0	0	0								1
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0								0
Larceny-Theft	24	14	17	14	19								88
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	3	3	6	6								20
Robbery	6	2	2	1	1								12
Total	36	28	32	34	38	0	168						

Variance	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Assault	-77.78%	-20.00%	33.33%	-33.33%	-27.27%								-75.82%
Burglary	-88.89%	-50.00%	-40.00%	200.00%	-63.64%								-74.49%
Forcible Rape	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%								100.00%
Homicide	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	-100.00%	0.00%								-100.00%
Larceny-Theft	-17.24%	7.69%	88.89%	-26.32%	-38.71%								-64.66%
Motor Vehicle Theft	-60.00%	-40.00%	-40.00%	20.00%	20.00%								-75.00%
Robbery	20.00%	-33.33%	100.00%	100.00%	-80.00%								-70.00%
Monthly Comparison	-30	-6	4	0	-25								-391
	-45.45%	-17.65%	14.29%	0.00%	-39.68%								-69.95%





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May 3, 2015

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Case No. 15-1009

Bladensburg Police Department is investigating a drive-by shooting that occurred this morning on Kenilworth Avenue in Bladensburg, Maryland.

On May 3, 2015, at approximately 2:45 am, patrol officers were called to the 3800 block of Kenilworth Avenue, for a shooting. Officers located three people suffering from gunshot wounds. The gunshots came from a moving gold colored vehicle with dark window tint. Investigators are working to develop a motive and identify suspects in this case.

Anyone with additional information about this case is asked to call the Bladensburg Police Department at (301) 864-6080. Callers wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Solvers at 1-866-411 TIPS (8477) text "PGPD plus your message" to CRIMES (274637) on your cell phone or go to <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/police/> submit a tip online.



CASH \$ REWARD

Up to \$1,000.00



Bladensburg Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division

WANTED – “TRIPLE SHOOTING INFORMATION”



On May 3, 2015, at approximately 2:46 a.m., Bladensburg Police Officers responded to 3801 Kenilworth Avenue in Bladensburg for a reported shooting. Upon officers arrival, three victims were located at the entrance of Kenilworth Towers, suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. The victims were transported to an area hospital for treatment.

The preliminary investigation reveals, the victims were walking from the parking lot to the street, when for reasons unknown, a vehicle approached and began firing shots at the victims, striking each one multiple times.

Anyone with information about this shooting is asked to call the Bladensburg Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division at 301-864-6080. Callers wishing to remain **ANONYMOUS** may call **CRIME SOLVERS** at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477) or submit your **ANONYMOUS tip online at www.pgcrimesolvers.com**. A **CASH** reward of up to \$1,000.00 is being offered for the tip that leads to the arrest and indictment of this suspect(s) responsible for this crime.

If you have information about this case, call the Bladensburg Police Department and ask for Detective C. Earle #325 at 301-864-6080 or 240-298-5500 at (phone number)

Callers wishing to remain anonymous may call **Crime Solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477)**

Please refer to case number Bladensburg Police Report #15-1009

You may also text "PGPD plus your crime tip" to **CRIMES (274637)** on your cellphone or go to www.pgcrimesolvers.com and submit

A Cash Reward is offered for tips that lead to an arrest and indictment in this case.

CASH REWARD • NO NAME ASKED

WANTED

FOURTH DEGREE SEX ACT

Gerald Anthony Evans



DESCRIPTION

Date of Birth:	11/25/1994	Place of Birth:	Washington, DC
Height:	220	Eyes:	Brown
Weight:	5' 09"	Complexion:	Dark
Hair:	Black	Build:	Heavy
Sex:	Male	Race:	African-American
Occupation:	Unemployed		
Case Number:	151042	Warrant Number:	D150411671
		Warrant Date:	May 11, 2015

Scars and Marks:

Vehicle:

Remarks: Last Known Address: 2600 block of Douglas Road, Washington, DC

Contact the Bladensburg Police Department at (301) 864-6080 for Confirmation

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR DIAL 911