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Call for vigilance – Prevention of Residential Break-ins

Montréal, September 18th, 2014 – The police officers from the Service à la communauté de la région Ouest of the Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM) are investigating on residential break-ins in Beaconsfield, Kirkland, Senneville, Pierrefonds, Roxboro, Dorval, Pointe-Claire, Lachine and Saint-Pierre, since September, 1st, 2014.

Safety Tips

Here are a few safety tips to help protect your homes from break-ins.

- Keep all objects that could assist access to the second floor of your home(ladders, BBQ, recycling bins, picnic or patio tables, etc.), locked and put away (if possible) in a shed or a garage.
- Always lock your doors and windows. Even if you are leaving for just a few minutes.
- Keep expensive valuables locked in a safety deposit box or safe.
- Avoid keeping large sums of cash in you home.
- Equip your home with an alarm system that has a motion detection and glass breaking detection on all levels of the home.
- During extended periods of absence, entrust a reliable neighbour to tend to your home, by turning lights on and off, collect your mail, shovel your driveway and path or cut your grass.
- A good lock is only as effective as the door frame. Ensure that the frame is solid. Strengthen it with a metal plate if it is weak.
- Etch your valuables with your drivers permit number. Etchers are available, free of charge at you local police station.
- Install a peephole on your front door, so you can see who is there.

If you see anything suspicious, do not hesitate to call 9-1-1.

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