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Asian Business Owners Targeted for Residential Burglaries

Bloomington, IL - Over the previous three weeks, the Bloomington Police Department responded to two residential burglary calls in our city. In each of these cases, suspects have targeted Asian victims for specific items. Both of these burglaries occurred while the residences were unoccupied. These recent burglaries are similar in nature to those committed in November 2023, where Asian small business owners' homes were being targeted.

Here are several tips in regards to crime prevention:

- Remain cognizant of your surroundings.
- Pay attention when traveling and make sure you are not being followed.
- If you observe a suspicious vehicle in your neighborhood or near your business, call the police immediately.
- Home alarms and video surveillance equipment are good deterrents and helpful tools.
- Make your residence appear as if someone is home.
- Do not post travel plans on social media.
- Have a trusted neighbor keep an eye on your residence when you are away.

Due to the ongoing investigations, no additional information will be released at this time.

Anyone with information about these cases can contact Detective Jake Law at 309-434-2527 or jlaw@cityblm.org.

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If you wish to submit a crime tip and remain anonymous, please contact the Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit (CIAU) at 309-434-2963 or email CIAU@cityblm.org. You can also text the number 847411 by texting the word "BPDTIPS", then a space, followed by your tip information.

The tip line is not monitored 24/7. The CIAU office is staffed from 8am-4:30pm, weekdays. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave the information on the voicemail or send it by e-mail.

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