

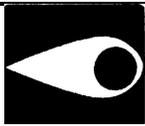
MONTHLY BURGLARY RECAP

For the Month of November 2011



Residential Burglaries - Single Family Homes

DATE	TIME OCCURRED (DAY/NIGHT/ UNKNOWN)	AREA	METHOD FE - Forced Entry/NF - Non- Forced	LOSS
11-23 to 11-28	U	<u>SOUTH</u> 600 Blk S 27 th St	FE – Broke Window	Nothing Reported
11-28	N	3000 Blk Talbot Rd S	FE – Forced Door	Interrupted
11-03	D	<u>SOUTHEAST</u> 11200 Blk SE 188 th Pl	NF – Unsecured Slider	Jewelry, Laptop, Game Console
11-04	D	11600 Blk SE 189 th Pl	NF – Unsecured Slider	Game Consoles, MP3 Player, Laptops, Jewelry
11-06	N	1200 Blk SE 186 th St	NF – Unsecured Slider	Nothing Reported (alarm)
11-16	D	11200 Blk SE 190 th Pl	NF – Unsecured Window	Nothing Reported
11-16	D	200 Blk Orcas Pl SE	FE – (att) Broke Window	Interrupted
11-16	D	14500 Blk SE 153 rd Pl	FE – Forced Door	Safe, Jewelry, Computer
11-15 to 11-18	U	18800 Blk 108 th Ln SE	FE – Forced Door	Laptops, TV
11-22	D	11000 Blk SE 181 st St	FE – Broke Window	Jewelry, Game Console, Cash
11-22 to 11-25	U	11400 Blk SE 177 th Pl	FE – Broke Window	Nothing Reported
11-25	N	11600 Blk SE 164 th St	FE – Broke Window	Nothing Reported
11-25	N	11000 Blk SE 164 th St	Fe – (att) Broke Window	Interrupted
11-27	D	16500 Blk 121 st St SE	FE – Broke Window	Nothing Reported
11-28	D	11200 Blk SE 166 th Pl	FE – Broke Window	Cash, Jewelry, Personal Documents
11-16 to 11-17	U	<u>SOUTHWEST</u> 600 Blk SW Langston Rd	FE – Forced Door	Nothing Reported
11-15	N	200 Blk Earlington Av SW	FE – Pried Door	Air Compressor
11-24	D	200 Blk NW 4 th St	FE – Broke Window	Collectibles, Jewelry, Laptop
11-17	D	<u>NORTH</u> 800 Blk N 1 st St	FE – Broke Window	Jewelry, Computer Equipment, Cash
11-22	D	1400 Blk N 36 th St	FE – Forced Door	iPad, Jewelry, Safe
11-02	D	<u>NORTHEAST</u> 1900 Blk NE 24 th St	FE – Broke Window	Nothing Reported
11-05	D	2500 Blk NE 7 th St	NF – Unsecured Window	TV, Laptops, Game Consoles, Games
11-07	D	500 Blk Ilwaco Av NE	FE – Forced Door	Cash, Laptop, TV, Jewelry
11-14	D	600 Blk Blaine Ct NE	NF – Unknown	Laptops, Game Console
11-16	D	500 Blk Newport Av NE	FE – Broke Window	TVs, Jewelry, Wallet, iPod, Laptop
11-20	U	2000 Blk NE 28 th Pl	FE – Forced Door	Nothing Reported
11-26 to 11-27	U	800 Blk Aberdeen Av NE	NF – Unsecured Window	Nothing Reported
11-30	D	1200 Blk Redmond Av NE	FE – Broke Slider	Game Console, Laptop, Cash
11-09	D	<u>NORTHWEST</u> 200 Blk Taylor Av NW	FE – Broke Window	Laptops, Camera
11-06	D	600 Blk Stevens Av NW	FE – Broke Window	Nothing Reported



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		<u>SOUTH</u>		
12-01	D	600 Blk S 32 nd Pl	FE – Forced Door	Jewelry
12-02	D	900 Blk S 37 th Pl	FE – Forced Door	TVs, Laptops, Camera
12-05	U	3300 Blk Main Av S	FE – Forced Door	Handgun
12-07	D	600 Blk S 32 nd Pl	FE – Forced Door	Jewelry, Cash, Financial Documents
12-08	D	700 Blk S 32 nd St	FE – (att) Force Door	No Entry Gained (alarm)
12-07 to 12-08	U	3300 Blk Main Av S	FE – Forced Door	Nothing Reported
12-11	N	2700 Blk Mill Av S	FE – Broke Slider	Interrupted
12-07	D	700 Blk S 32 nd Pl	FE – Forced Door	Game Console, Laptop, Camera, Jewelry
12-07	D	1200 Blk S 35 th Pl	FE – Forced Door	Cash, Jewelry
12-13	D	4800 Blk Main Av S	FE – Forced Door	Jewelry
12-17	N	2700 Blk Shattuck Ct S	FE – Forced Door	Laptop, Watch
12-17	N	2600 Blk Shattuck Ct S	FE – Forced Open	Nothing Reported
12-19	D	2000 Blk Shattuck Av S	FE – Forced Door	Laptop
12-21	U	1300 Blk Whitworth Av S	FE – Forced Door	Jewelry (alarm)
12-22 to 12-23	U	400 Blk S 33 rd Pl	FE – Shattered Slider	Laptops, iPhone, Cash
12-27	D	900 Blk S 48 th St	NF – Unlocked Window	Nothing Reported
12-27	N	2100 Blk Burnett Pl S	FE – Pried Slider	Nothing Reported
		<u>SOUTHEAST</u>		
12-01	D	17700 Blk 113 th Pl SE	FE – Broke Window	No Entry Gained
12-07	D	1600 Blk Index Av SE	NF – Unsecured Door	TV, Blue Ray Player, Game Console
12-08	D	14000 Blk 156 th Av SE	FE – Forced Door	Safe
12-14	D	2000 Blk SE 8 th Dr	NF – Unsecured Door	TV, Jewelry
12-07	N	11600 Blk SE 189 th Pl	FE – (att) Break Window	No Entry Gained
12-08	D	15400 Blk 146 th Pl SE	FE – Forced Door	Interrupted
12-15	D	11600 Blk SE 189 th Pl	NF – Unknown	TV, Music Equipment, Game Console
12-18	D	2600 Blk SE 16 th St	FE – Forced Door	Nothing Reported
12-26	N	11800 Blk SE 176 th Ct	FE – Forced Door	Nothing Reported
12-29	N	17800 Blk 112 th Av SE	NF – Unsecured Window	Laptops, Game Console, iPods, TV (alarm)
		<u>NORTH</u>		
12-27	D	1400 Blk N 36 th St	FE – Forced Door	Nothing Reported
		<u>NORTHEAST</u>		
12-01	D	5000 Blk NE 8 th Pl	FE – Pried Door	Cash
12-08	D	4500 Blk NE 19 th St	FE – Forced Door	Suspects Arrested
12-09	D	1000 Blk Duvall Av NE	NF – Unsecured Window	Nothing Reported
12-14	D	500 Blk Rosario Av NE	NF – Unsecured Window	Laptop, Jewelry
12-06	D	1100 Blk Monroe Av NE	FE – Forced Door	Jewelry
12-06	D	1700 Blk Ilwaco Pl NE	FE – Broke Slider	Safe, Jewelry
12-06	D	3000 Blk NE 7 th Pl	FE – Pried Door	Computer, Digital Camera, DVDs, CDs
12-07	D	2200 Blk NE 9 th Pl	FE – Forced Door	TV, Guns
12-07	D	3200 Blk NE 26 th Ct	NF – Unknown	Laptops, Jewelry, Game Console
12-09	D	1000 Blk Duvall Av NE	NF – Open Window	Camera, Jewelry, Cash
12-16	D	600 Blk Quincy Av NE	FE – Pried Slider	Suspects Arrested
12-18	N	700 Blk Bremerton Pl NE	NF – Unsecured Window	Jewelry, Game Console
12-20	N	500 Blk Queen Av NE	FE – (att) Forced Window	Interrupted
12-29	D	400 Blk Windsor Way NE	FE – Forced Door	TV

November / December 2011

There were **30** residential burglaries during the month of November, with 0 occurring at an active Block Watch residence. And – there were **42** residential burglaries during the month of December, with 0 occurring at an active Block Watch residence.

I can't list this many residential burglaries and not go over (again) what homeowners can do to help deter them. Between December 1st and January 10th, there were **90** residential burglaries. **Unprecedented.** We can no longer sit around telling ourselves "it won't happen to me." We have got to take steps to keep these criminals out of our homes!

When burglars decide to target a home for burglary, they take into account two essential factors: 1) How comfortable do I feel attempting to access this home?; and 2) Will it be easy for me to get inside? If those two factors can be taken away from the burglar, then they will oft times move on.

- **Deadbolts:** One of the most important components to a secure locking mechanism is the strikeplate. This is the metal plate that houses the bolt on a deadbolt. We are taking a lot of reports on forced entry to pedestrian doors, and a lot of times the screws installed in the strikeplate are much too short. They need to be at least 3" in length so they penetrate into the stud of the frame around your door. Normally, this length of screw does not come with the deadbolt kit, so unless you've replaced them yourself (or know of somebody who did) your strikeplate may not be installed properly.



- **Windows/Sliders:** The City is experiencing a more far more aggressive burglar these days. They will take full advantage of any window that is easy to slide or break open. It's very important that you put dowels (wooden sticks) flush in the track of all your sliding windows. And also place one in the track of your sliding glass doors. Or, do what I did and purchase a shower curtain suspension rod (the kind that tightens/loosens as you twist it) and place that about chest level in your slider. Aesthetically, you can see that immediately from the outside – which is sign to the prospective burglary that you've taken steps to protect your home.



- **Security Film:** For those vulnerable windows and glass doors in your home, you might want to consider security film. Security film is a thin polyester sheet. When properly attached to a glass door or window, it can make the glass up to 300% stronger. If glass coated with security film is hit with force (like a brick, stone, pry bar, etc.), the glass may shatter in a fan pattern, out from the point of impact, much like a shattered car windshield might. The polyester film will hold the glass pieces together in place within the film.

(Security Film, cont.)

In most cases, the impact will not result in a hole in the glass unless excessive or continuous force is used. Most burglars want to get in and out of your home quickly and quietly. If they attempt to come through a glass door or window, and the glass does not break easily, they will hopefully move on to an easier target. (Security film is attached to *existing* glass windows and doors.) I normally recommend this product for utility and kitchen windows, side view windows, garage windows, glass inserts in doors, etc.

- **Landscaping:** Foliage should be kept thinned and cut back away from windows, doors, and patio/porches. Foliage should be cut below window sill level, and trees should be cut up to at least 4 ft. Us Washingtonians tend to over-appreciate the “lushness” that heavy foliage provides, but this can create hiding places or areas of isolation that are also attractive to burglars. They may more seriously consider that bedroom window that is partially obscured by an overgrown rhododendron. Or, they may give some thought to forcing open that pedestrian door that is partially hidden by a privacy hedge.
- **Alarms:** It’s less common for burglars to target homes where there is an alarm. They don’t know if it’s a monitored alarm or just audible, but either way – they don’t care for them. They are looking to get into homes where *the risk is low and the profit is high*. An alarm increases the risk for them to be seen by somebody and/or possibly arrested.

Suspicious activity is severely under-reported. A lot of people feel they need to witness a defined crime before they call 911, and that’s just not the case. ‘Back in the day’, unless you were on fire or bleeding, you weren’t suppose to touch 911. The Renton Police Department is a 911-call responsive department. We *strongly* encourage folks to call 911 when they observe suspicious or criminal activity. What you may be presented with is something that “just doesn’t look right”. It could be a subject prowling around the parking lot, traipsing back and forth in front of a particular home, or simply somebody loitering outside without an obvious direction of travel. A very common tactic for burglars is to approach a home and if nobody responds to their knocking or bell-ringing, one of the burglars will force the door open or go around to a more isolated location to gain entry. Suspicious activity will almost always come before a crime. Heavy-handed 911 calling is strongly encouraged. Let the police come check it out. If it turns out to be nothing, then no harm, no foul.

