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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **DETECTIVES REMIND COMMUNITY OF CRIME PREVENTION TIPS AFTER SERIES OF SIMILAR BURGLARIES**

Portland Police have responded to a series of burglaries in Southeast and Northeast Portland recently that have caught the attention of investigators. The burglaries follow a similar pattern wherein the suspect enters the victim residence in the middle of the night when people are at home in bed.

These burglaries, reported between April 29 and May 31 bear similar characteristics such as the suspect entering through an unlocked or open door or window. The suspect often covers a lot of ground inside the residence as evidenced by where homeowners later notice items missing. Laptop computers have been common items stolen, as well as money and jewelry.

These burglaries have occurred on Northeast Floral St., Southeast Pine St., Northeast Couch St., NE Hassalo St., Southeast Ankeny St., and Southeast 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue. In some cases the burglar was frightened off by residents who awoke to find the suspect either inside or trying to get inside.

Detectives are examining possible physical evidence such as fingerprints, to attempt to identify a suspect or suspects. These burglaries, while similar, are not necessarily being perpetrated by the same suspect. Some of the victims have described seeing males of varying physical descriptions.

#### ***Detectives suggest taking the following steps to help prevent a burglary:***

- **Keep door and windows shut and locked at night, especially on the first floor or in places with easy access from the outside.**
- **Keep the exterior of residences well lit.**
- **Remove items from around the outside of a house that could assist with entry such as tools, ladders, planters, buckets, outdoor furniture.**
- **Call police right away if you see anything suspicious on your block and talk with your neighbors about doing the same.**
- **Call police right away if you are the victim of a burglary.**
- **Keep valuable items out of sight and away from windows where they can be easily reached by a suspect.**

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