



BUSINESS WATCH NOTIFICATION



There have been two breaking and entering incidents at automotive repair businesses in a neighboring jurisdiction where inspection stickers have been stolen. Please be aware of these and take extra precautions to deter your business from being a target.

Confirm your signs for your alarm system are up and in conspicuous locations for all to see as well as signs for your surveillance system, if you have one. Activate your alarm system as a routine procedure when closing your business. Check to see that your lighting is illuminating as expected and is covering the necessary areas, especially entrances. Confirm their timing is adequate.

Take a walk around your property to make sure you are not providing any opportunities for “a would be criminal”. Make sure foliage isn’t providing cover for a criminal to hide behind while gaining entry to your business. Relocate any debris that could possibly be utilized to vandalize or gain entry to your business. Confirm all your windows are closed and locked. Check all exterior door hinges to confirm they are secured so they cannot be removed to gain entry. Check for damage or any unusual tool marks on or around windows, overhead doors or walls that shouldn’t be there. Check your locks to make sure they are in good working order and that your deadbolt and door knob receiver screws are long enough that they screw into the wooden studs behind the door frame and not just the door frame.

Try to eliminate or reduce the opportunity for your business to become a victim.

As always, please remember to contact the Sheriff’s Office if you see or hear about suspicious activity immediately by either calling 911 or 804-365-6140. If you have security concern questions, please contact the Sheriff’s Office Crime Prevention Unit at 804-365-6110.

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