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BULLETIN

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Intel:

As you may be aware, the Holland and Sturbridge Police Departments, along with Troopers from the Massachusetts State Police Sturbridge Barracks, responded to numerous reports of break-ins to motor vehicles at various locations within both communities yesterday, October 25, 2023. These break-ins occurred sometime between the late evening hours of Tuesday, October 24th, and the early morning hours of Wednesday, October 25th. In some instances, windows were smashed and the vehicles were entered and rummaged through.

During our investigation, we learned that similar breaks occurred in our neighboring state of Connecticut on the same evening or morning. Please be advised that law enforcement personnel from various agencies, including Holland, Sturbridge, and the State, are working together on these cases.

We would like to reiterate to the members of our communities the importance of remaining vigilant and reporting any suspicious activity in a timely manner. We would also like to stress the importance of keeping your vehicles locked while unattended and removing all valuables, including electronic equipment, iPad-type devices, cell phones, money, medication, and firearms.

Although no firearms were reported stolen from the Holland-Sturbridge breaks, especially because we are nearing hunting season, we cannot overemphasize the importance of properly securing your firearms and not leaving firearms in your vehicle - no matter what type of firearm it may be.

Please review the original public release information below:

OFFICIAL HOLLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION RELEASE- OCTOBER 25, 2023:

UPDATE ON MOTOR VEHICLE BREAKS: A joint release from the Holland and Sturbridge Police Departments (is attached). As you may be aware from earlier posts from both the Holland and Sturbridge Police Departments, we are currently investigating numerous motor vehicle breaks. In addition to the breaks that occurred in Sturbridge, the Holland Police Department received reports of 5 vehicles broken into in the same manner and during the same time frame, (either late last evening or early this morning).

****The target area in Holland was- Sandy Beach Rd, Pine Tree Dr, and Maybrook Rd. We are asking the public in that area to review any camera footage you may have for suspicious activity, save it, and contact the Holland Police Department****

We are also asking anyone in Holland who believes their vehicle was broken into during this time frame, (and has NOT reported it to us or the Massachusetts State Police as of yet), to contact us. We will continue to work with the Sturbridge Police Department and the Massachusetts State Police on this case.

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We ask that you contact us by phone or e-mail as opposed to by messenger.

OFFICIAL STURBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION RELEASE- OCTOBER 25, 2023:

****UPDATE ON VEHICLE BREAKS****

The Sturbridge and Holland Police Departments are currently investigating over 24 vehicle breaks that occurred sometime over last evening (first suspicious vehicle call came in at 1am on Breakneck Rd) and into the early morning hours (more calls and walk-ins as I type this). The suspect(s) involved smashed windows and rummaged vehicles looking for valuables. The following locations were the focus point during this crime spree:

- Host Hotel
- Holiday Inn
- Hampton Inn
- Breakneck Rd
- Leadmine Rd
- Vinton Rd

In addition, Holland also had several vehicles struck by these vandals on the following roads:

- Sandy Beach Rd
- Pine Tree Dr
- Maybrook Rd

The members of the Sturbridge Police Department and the Holland Police Department are currently working together looking for any evidence that may help solve these crimes. This includes looking at any known video footage. We are asking the public that lives in any of these areas to review any camera footage for suspicious activity (people walking, slow driving vehicles etc..) and report it to Sgt. Murray of the Sturbridge Police Department at 508-347-2525 ext 386 or Hmurray@sturbridge.gov. Also, I would ask the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity in a timely manner via 911 or 508-347-2525 ext 0. Please DO NOT report crimes via Facebook Messenger.

Lastly, we have experienced these crimes in the past and the suspects have returned multiple days/weeks in a row.

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