

Since we issued our last Security Bulletin on April 22, 2010, house burglaries and attempted break-ins have continued to occur throughout the San Antonio community during the past several weeks.

So far, this is what we know about the criminal incidents:

- The incidents have occurred in both occupied and vacant houses.
- They seem to occur approximately between 1:00 and 4:00 am.
- The incidents have occurred randomly in all parts of the community.
- There is strong evidence that the burglars either live or frequently work within San Antonio since they are familiar with the routine and characteristics of the community.
- Stolen property appears to be removed from the community by way of the highway. It does not appear that they use the north or south gate to enter, exit or remove stolen goods.
- Although there have been several forced entries through doors, most of the entries have occurred through small windows which are either opened or broken.
- Although several residents have seen and pursued the perpetrator, so far none of the incidents has involved physical assault.
- A few eye-witness accounts indicate that the burglar is 18 to 25 years old, 5 foot 8 to 10 inches tall, thin.
- It appears that the burglar acts alone while committing his crimes, but is probably assisted by one or more accomplices.
- Attempts to break into houses were prevented in those houses which had alarm systems which were activated.
- In cases when the police were called, they responded quickly.

We have taken the following actions:

- We are in contact with the Delegada and the Manager of Police in Playas de Tijuana. We have asked for additional police patrols of our community and the highway. We have supplied the authorities with all the information we have accumulated.
- We have modified and strengthened our night security patrol.
- At our Homeowners Committee meeting yesterday, we met with representatives of the *San Antonio Neighborhood Watch Program* and discussed ways we can strengthen community crime prevention.
- We are encouraging anyone who is a victim of crime to report the incident to the government prosecutors. We are supplying assistance to those who are unfamiliar with the complaint-filing process and will accompany them.

What each of us can do:

- Volunteer to be a **Neighborhood Watch Captain**. Patrick Mullen who has been involved with *Neighborhood Watch* in his area of San Antonio for several years has agreed to coordinate and train individuals who want to organize their neighbors to prevent crimes in their immediate areas. Contact this community email site or call Pat at 631 39 67 (Mexico), 619 407-7574 (USA)
- If you cannot be a Neighborhood Watch Captain, get in touch with neighbors on your street. Share information. Be more vigilant about what is happening on your street. Watch each other's property when neighbors are away.
- If you do not live in your house permanently, assign some agency or person to check your property regularly. Occasionally change the appearance and lighting in and around your property so it does not look vacant.
- If you rent or have an agent who rents your house, please check out the people to whom you are renting. You are responsible for the people you permit to use your property. According to Mexican law, **YOU CAN LOSE YOUR PROPERTY IF UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY IS TAKING PLACE ON PROPERTY YOU OWN.**

- If you are a victim of a crime, report it to the government prosecutors. In Mexico, the state prosecutors and not the police are the ones who receive complaints and authorize investigations. The more complaints, the more attention!
- If you suspect someone in your neighborhood is involved in crime, you can report anonymously and directly to police authorities: 664 685 02 97.
- Report immediately to the guard caseta (631 30 26) any suspicious activity or behavior which you observe.
- Install an electronic security system. If you cannot, at least install motion detection lights around the perimeter of your home. Make certain windows and doors are locked and secured.
- If you have any suggestions or ideas about improving security, or you have questions, concerns or suspicions about activities in your immediate neighborhood or the community at large, please contact our administrator, Dr. Martha Alvarez : 631 33 63.

THANK YOUR FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT,

Your San Antonio del Mar Homeowners Committee and Administrator