

# Neighborhood Advisory

## Air Conditioner thefts – 4<sup>TH</sup> Precinct February 2, 2012

### Facts:

The 4<sup>th</sup> Precinct continues to experience an increase in the theft and damage of central air conditioning units from homes. The recyclable materials from the central air conditioning units are then sold.

The Minneapolis Police Department is asking everyone in the 4<sup>TH</sup> Precinct to be particularly alert to suspicious activities outside of homes and to use sound burglary and theft prevention practices.

During the past month there were five more damage to central air conditioning units reported.

Date	Time	Location	CCN
1/1-25	Unknown	32XX Colfax Av. N.	12-999473
1/28-31	Unknown	14XX W. Broadway	12-029850
1/29-31	8am -4pm	21XX Dupont Av. N	12-029864
1/30-31	11am -11pm	22XX Lyndale Av. N.	12-999470
1/30-2/1	Unknown	8XX Morgan Av. N.	12-999476

### What you can do:

Please be alert to strangers loitering outside of homes, lurking in alleys, near garages especially if the home is vacant. Call the 4<sup>TH</sup> Precinct Property Crimes Unit at (612) 673-5714 if you have any information about stolen or vandalized air conditioning units.

- If possible cover your unit with wrappings that are specifically for outdoor air conditioning units and are nominally priced and available at local hardware stores and discount warehouses. Some even come with secure locking devices.
- Light up the area around your air conditioning unit, from dusk to dawn.
- Alert your neighbors and block club members to the problem and be sure to watch out for each other. Remember the majority of burglars are caught because someone reported suspicious behavior immediately.
- Pay attention to suspicious vehicles circling the block with occupants you don't recognize.
- Contact your Crime Prevention Specialist for tips, information and other resources to keep your property and your home safe, or to have a free home security audit.

