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Woman Awakes to Burglar Climbing in Her Bed
Break-in Prevention Tips
Case Number 14-18881

There was a residential break-in at 5:48 this morning, October 31, at 3225 Kinsrow. A female awoke to find a suspect in her bedroom, trying to climb into bed with her and he touched her. The victim screamed and the suspect fled the area.

Units responded to the area and set up a perimeter and did an area search but did not locate the suspect. The suspect is reported to have stolen some cash. He is described as a black male age 20 to 25, 6-feet tall, medium build and last seen wearing a black sweatshirt. There was no further suspect information.

There is probable cause for Physical Harassment, Burglary in the First Degree, and Theft in the Second Degree. If anyone has information relevant to the case, they are asked to call Eugene Police at 541.682.5111 and reference Case Number 14-18881.

This is a good time to remind people of ways to help prevent break-ins.

Break-in Prevention Tips

Burglary – unlawfully entering a building to commit a crime – continues to be a big problem here in Eugene, with break-ins occurring on a daily basis citywide. We continue to see a large proportion of burglaries involving open or unlocked doors or windows, but we also have a significant number involving forced entry. The following tips will improve your odds:

1) Lock those doors and windows. On windows make sure there is a locking device in place.
2) Inspect your property while thinking like a criminal—where would it be easy to break in, without being seen by neighbors? If you want help with this inspection, call the Eugene police crime prevention unit at 541-682-5137 and ask for a free home security inspection. An officer will call you back and set an appointment.

3) Make improvements as necessary in terms of locks, lighting and landscaping.
   a) All hinged exterior doors should be secured with deadbolt locks. Sliding doors and windows should be snug in their frames, with lift and slide protection features.
   b) Exterior lighting should be even, eliminating pockets of shadow, and making it easy for neighbors to see prowlers in your yard. Motion detection lights can help expose intruders.
   c) Landscaping should be trimmed to eliminate hiding places near entry points, such as doors and windows. Trim bushes to no more than three feet high, trim lower branches off of tall trees, and/or plant thorny plants that discourage trespassers.

4) Arrange mutual aid with your neighbors, keeping an eye on each other’s properties while you are gone. Let them know where you will be vacationing, how to reach you, and/or who you expect to be visiting or house-sitting in your absence. Consider getting formally organized as a Neighborhood Watch. If you can get your neighbors together on a weeknight for a meeting, the Eugene Police Crime Prevention Unit will provide a presenter to run the meeting.

5) In addition to all of the above, alarm systems may be worth considering.

If you'd like more detailed advice or have further questions, visit our website at www.eugenepolice.com or call the Eugene Police Crime Prevention Unit at 541-682-5137.

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