

This email is compiled by **Neighbourhood Watch** volunteers as a service for residents in the **Kuring Gai** Police Local Area Command (LAC), which includes the **Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai** areas. Anyone may join our distribution list by emailing: **NHWGordon@gmail.com**. The weekly update usually includes:

- **Project eyewatch:** A selection of 'posts' from the Kuring Gai LAC facebook page. This includes the Media Release from our Crime Prevention Officer.
- Local Neighbourhood Watch information: Meetings, relevant tit-bits, crime prevention tips, etc.

5th August: Hornsby Police news, 5/8/13 The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command.

Incident: Speeding and high range drink driving Time/Date: About 11.30pm on Sunday the 4th

Place: M1 Motorway (F3).

Vehicle 1: Ford Laser

Driver 1: 55 year old male from Berowra Heights.

Details: Police have observed the Ford Laser which appeared to be travelling above the speed limit. A check by the LIDAR revealed a speed of 138km/h in the 80 km/h speed zone. The car was stopped and the driver spoken to. A roadside breath test gave an alleged positive result for alcohol. A subsequent test gave a result of .153. The driver had his license suspended by police and was charged.

Court: The male is to appear at the Hornsby local Court on the 29th of August charged with Driving with a driving with a High Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol and exceeding the speed limit by more than 45km/h.

Incident: 3 vehicle crash

Time/Date: About 12pm on Friday the 2nd

Place: Ryde road, West Pymble.

Vehicle 1: Subaru

Driver 1: 83 year old male.

Vehicle 2: Semi trailer

Vehicle 3: a small rigid truck

Details: The semi was travelling in lane 3 of 3 on Ryde road north bound, the Subaru was in lane 2 of 3 beside the truck. At some point the prime mover of the semi and the Subaru have collided, this caused the Subaru to swerve and veer across the medium strip and into the path of a small rigid truck travelling southbound. The Subaru was extensively damaged with the driver and his daughter both being taken to RNSH with minor injuries. The semi and the rigid truck received only minor damage. Due to conflicting versions and no independent witnesses no action is being taken in relation to the collision.

Incident: Mountain bike crash

Time/Date: About 2.40pm on Friday the 2nd

Place: About 700 m along the bush track from Stewart avenue, Hornsby.

Rider: 25 year old male

Details: The rider and a fellow rider were riding along the bush track and about 700m in the 25 year old rider has made a series of large jumps. On a downhill decent the rider has made further large jumps, on the last of these the rider had an awkward landing with the rider going over the handle bars. The rider has landed in his head. The witness (fellow rider) stopped rendering assistance, it was noted the rider had difficulty breathing at this time. 000 were called with an ambulance attending, due to the injuries the SCAT crew were called and airlifted the rider to RNSH with a collapsed lung and head trauma.

Incident: Steal from Boat

Time/Date: Between 1pm on Saturday the 27th and 10am on Saturday the 3rd

Place: Ramsay street, West Pymble.

Details: The boat owner had his boat parked out the front on the street. Unknown person/s have unhitched the motor and stolen it from the transom. The motor a 15hp Yamaha was locked to the boat at the time.

Incident: Stolen and recovered boat.

Time/Date: Between Thursday the 1st and Friday the 2nd

Place: A public mooring in Brooklyn.

Details: The Boat a Yellow and White Quintrex was moored at Brooklyn. Unknown person/s have taken the boat. The boat was located in Parsley bay about 4pm on Friday. The Outboard motor a 40 HP Yamaha and a fuel tank had been stolen with the boat itself left adrift. The motor was valued at an estimated \$3,000.

Incident: Steal from motor vehicle

Time/Date: Between 7pm on Saturday the 3rd and 9am on Sunday the 4th

Place: Morgans road, Brooklyn.

Details: Unknown person/s have broken into a Toyota Aurion and stolen \$5 in cash and an Iphone 5 from inside. The Iphone has a reported value of \$1,100.

Incident: Aggravated Break Enter & Steal Time/Date: About 9pm on Saturday the 3rd

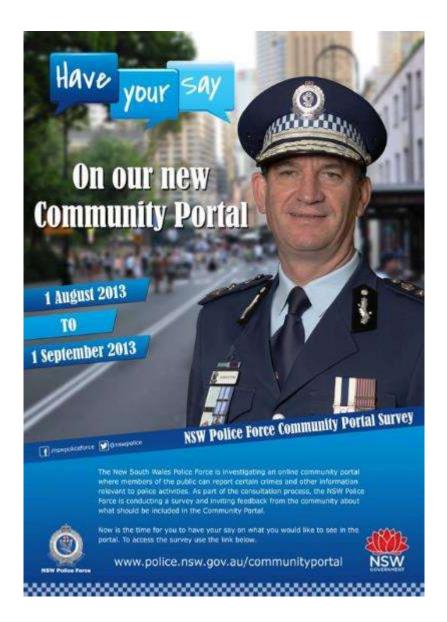
Place: Grandview street, Pymble.

Person 1: Male between 25 and 39 years old, About 5'9" or 175cm tall, thin build, with a very dark complexion. He was wearing all black clothing including a black hoodie with a White motif across the chest area.

Details: The home owners were home and have heard a very loud knock on the front door. The male of the house has gone to investigate due to the loudness and aggressiveness of the knocking. At this point the male (described above) was seen on a landing inside the house. The owner has called out 'get out' with the offender at first freezing then running from the house. Police were called and attended; the dog squad attended and tracked a scent to Mona Vale road, before losing the scent. The owner noticed an Iphone and \$150 missing from a wallet but the wallet was left behind.

Police are appealing to witnesses who may have information relating to the above incidents to contact Hornsby police on 9476 9799, or phone Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 to report any information relating to the matter anonymously.

4th August: NSW Police are inviting the public to 'Have Your Say' about a new initiative which would see less serious crimes able to be reported online. The proposed NSW Police Force Community Portal initiative will allow the community to report lesser crimes online from a computer or via an application on a mobile device. This will not only be more convenient for the public but more importantly will offer an alternative communication channel between them and police. Users will be able to register and create their own account from where they can interact with police and track the progress of their reported crimes. Only certain types of low-level non-life threatening crimes will be eligible to be reported online. The NSW Police Force Policing Program Director, Superintendent Keith Willott said police need the community's feedback before the portal can become a reality. "At this stage of the project's development it is crucial that the public have their say," Supt Willott said. "With this in mind, we have setup The NSW Police Force Community Portal Survey. Police will use the community's feedback, opinions and views to further develop the online crime reporting portal before it 'goes live'. We are encouraging members of the community to provide their details in the survey so that we can involve them with the ideas that may be submitted." The public can have their say by visiting http://engage.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/policeportal



4th August: A woman pillion passenger was flown to hospital after she fell from the motor bike rig at Cowan in Sydney's north today.

Ambulance paramedics alerted the CareFlight trauma team to the woman's fall shortly before 3.30 pm. Police met the CareFlight helicopter when it landed in an oval and took the trauma team to the woman on the old Pacific Highway. The CareFlight doctor said the 23-year-old woman, from Hornsby, became ill and fell from her pillion compartment while travelling at about 30 km/h. After stabilisation the woman was flown by CareFlight to Royal North Shore Hospital where she was in a stable condition on arrival.



1st August: From our neighbouring Castle Hill 'The Hills' LAC. The Dural area is within our LAC.

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED - THE HILLS BREAK-INS

Over the past 3 weeks we have seen a lull in the number of break and enters in the Beaumont Hills area however yesterday the area was hit again:

Between 10am and 2:15pm yesterday, Wednesday 31st July a resident returned to their Farmer Circuit home to find that offenders had gained entry by smashing the small window pane next to the front door. The house had been ransacked and numerous valuable items were stolen including jewellery and computers.

We are also seeing numerous break and enter offences occur throughout the Baulkham Hills area:

Between 9:30pm last night and 8am this morning, Thursday 1st August residents slept in their Windsor Road home whilst unknown offenders have forced open the front door and stolen the victims bicycle.

Between 10am and 12pm yesterday, Wednesday 31st July, the victims of a Palace Road residence left for lunch and returned to their ransacked house. The front door had been forced and numerous valuable items stolen.

Also, between 9:40am and 11:55am yesterday a Seven Hills Road house was broken into by forcing the rear sliding door. No property has appeared to be stolen and the intruder alarm was activated.

Between 3pm and 5:20pm yesterday unknown offenders have gained entry to a Lukes Lane home through the back door. The house was ransacked and 2 laptops were stolen. And West Pennant Hills and Dural:

Between 1pm on Tuesday 30th July and 6am on Wednesday 31st July unknown offenders have gained entry to an **Old Northern Road**, **Dural** house. Whilst the family slept upstairs the

offenders forced a side window and ransacked a room downstairs.

Between 9am and 4:20pm on Monday 29th July unknown offenders have entered a **Pennant Hills Road h**ouse by jemmying a rear window. Jewellery and cash were stolen.

Police are appealing for anyone who sees or hears anything suspicious to ring Castle Hill Police on 9680 5399 or 000.

31st July: With this week being missing persons week Kuring gai LAC Detectives want to focus on the following Missing persons case.

Missing Person – Juanita Hutchesson Issued at 5pm, 31/7/2013

Police are appealing for assistance from the public to locate a 42-year-old female, missing from the Hornsby area since June 2013. On Saturday the 22nd of June, 2013, 42 year-old Junanita Hutchesson was last seen in the Hornsby area. Juanita Hutchesson also goes by the name of Juanita Joy Smith. Juanita is 42 and was staying at the Adult Acute Mental Health Facility at Hornsby Hospital. Juanita was nearing release and at 12pm has gone for an outing presumably to Westfield Hornsby, she was expected to return later that afternoon but did not arrive. Juanita has some mental health issues and police hold fears for her safety. She was reported missing to police by Staff at the Acute Care Facility. It has been reported Juanita Hutchesson, 42, has been seen in the Hornsby area after she left the Facility. Juanita Hutchesson is described as Caucasian appearance, obese build, with brown hair and blue eyes, wearing a Green Zip jacket, blue jeans and a backpack. Her disappearance is being investigated by Kuring gai LAC Detectives.

(no photo available)

Anyone who knows of Juanita Hutchesson's whereabouts or anyone who can assist with information should contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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Missing Person – James Donald Rothfield Issued at 5pm, 31/7/2013

Police are appealing for assistance from the public to locate a 31-year-old male, missing from the Hornsby area since July 1996. On Friday the 12th of July, 1996, 31 year-old James Donald Rothfield was last seen in the Hornsby area. James Donald Rothfield was 31 when he went missing and would be 47 years old now he was staying at a group home in Hornsby James has gone for an outing in the Hornsby area, he was expected to return later that afternoon but did not arrive. Police hold fears for his safety. He was reported missing to police by Staff at the Group home and family members. It has been reported James Donald Rothfield, had not been seen in the Hornsby area since leaving the group home. James Donald Rothfield is described as Caucasian appearance, thin build, 173cm tall, with brown hair and brown eyes. His disappearance is being investigated by Kuring gai LAC Detectives. Anyone who knows of James Donald Rothfield's whereabouts or anyone who can assist with information should contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



Running late? Plans changed? Need to take some time out? You might not think of yourself as 'missing' – but what about the people who care about you? Whatever the reason, just take the time to let someone know.

31st July: Fact Sheet - National Missing Persons Week 2013

Missing Persons week 2013 will commence on Sunday 28 July 2013 and run until Saturday 3 August 2013. The focus for this year's Missing Persons Week is Mental Health-People living with a Mental Illness are at greater risk of going missing. The campaign this year urges people to 'see the signs before they disappear.'

Key Messages

- During 2012 in NSW 12,409 people were reported to NSW police as Missing. Of those, 12,325 were located.
- NSW Police are currently investigating 650 Long term cases
- Over 35,000 people are reported missing each year in Australia-one person every 15 minutes
- Of those reported missing to police, over 95 per cent are located within a short period of time (usually one week)

- Over half, 60 percent of those reported missing are under 18 years. Nearly 10 percent of persons reported missing are aged over 60
- Males and female go missing in equal numbers
- For every missing person reported, at least 12 other people are affected whether it is emotionally, physically, psychologically or financially. Those affected can be family, friends, work colleagues and the wider community. As a result, each year almost half a million people in Australia feel the impact when someone goes missing
- As an organisation, the NSW Police Force is continuously investigating and exploring opportunities to help reunite missing persons with their loved ones.
- Do not wait 24 hours to report someone is missing if there are fears for their safety and their location is unknown.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Is it a crime to go missing?

No, it is not an offence to go missing. Police, or a person in authority have to sight to person, event if they have returned home, after they have been reported missing to ensure that they are safe and well

2. What is the aim of National Missing Persons Week (NWPW)?

National Missing Persons Week is an annual event to raise awareness of the issues and impacts associated with Missing Persons. This year will run from 28th July to 3 August 2013. The theme this year will be Mental Health-"People living with a mental Illness are at greater risk of going missing." The campaign this year urges people to 'see the signs before they disappear.'

- 3. How many Australians go missing each year?
- It is estimated that 35,000 people are reported missing each year in Australia, with the amount of reports equivalent to one person every 15 minutes.
- Of those reported missing to police, over 95 per cent are located within a short period of time (usually one week).
- Long term missing persons (missing for 12 months or longer) are more likely to be adults.
- 4. Which state has the highest missing person rate?
- The majority of missing persons' reports are from the larger states, with more than 31% coming from New South Wales. This is due to the higher populations in this state.
- Active investigations and regular media coverage and calls for public assistance by families may also tend to encourage higher levels of reporting in these states.
- 5. Why do people go missing?

People go missing for a variety of reasons, which may include

- Mental health, particularly anxiety and depression.
- Alcohol and illicit drug problems
- For young people, family dysfunction and conflict or violence, issues associated with puberty and peer pressure, mental health issues, and drug and alcohol problems were the reasons.
- In old age, Dementia and Alzheimer's can cause a person to wander off or go missing.

- The main groups of people who go missing are: Young people, older people suffering dementia and mentally ill people.
- 6. What support is available for family and friends of missing persons?
- Families and Friends of Missing Persons Unit

NSW Department of Attorney General and Justice

Level 1, 160 Marsden Street, Parramatta NSW 2150

Ph: 02 8688 5423 Freecall: 1800 227 772 Fax: 02 8688 9631

Email: ffmpu@agd.nsw.gov.au

The Families and Friends of Missing Persons Unit provides a free and confidential counselling service, emotional support, telephone counselling, liaison & referral, information on legal issues and family reunion work.

7. What support is available for people thinking they might choose to go missing?

Lifeline: Ph: 13 11 14

Lifeline provides a national 24 hour telephone counselling and referral service.

Lifeline's Just Ask: Ph: 1300 13 11 14

Lifeline's Just Ask provides a national rural mental health information service. The service is available Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm.

8. What can you do if you see a person reported missing?

If you have any information relating to a missing person please call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

30th July: Police believe road rage maybe behind a two car crash on the F3 Freeway north of Sydney last night (28 July 2013).

Two cars were travelling south on the F3 at Mount Colah. Police have been told that objects were thrown by the occupants of at least one of the vehicles towards a second car before one of the drivers rammed the other. One of the vehicles flipped, landing on its roof and trapping a female passenger aged in her 20s. She was later taken to hospital with leg injuries. The other vehicle continued driving to Gordon Police Station, on Sydney's upper north shore. The crash closed two lanes of the Freeway causing extensive traffic delays into Sydney. An investigation has been launched into the cause of the crash. Both drivers are expected to be interviewed.

30th July: Hi all, Here is a flyer for **blue light on Saturday the 10th of August at the Performing Arts Centre 22 Waitara avenue, Waitara.** The target age group is 8 to 12 year



olds. Details on the flyer.

NO ALCOHOL - NO DRUGS - NO PASSOUTS



The 'All Areas' Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) groups had a meeting last week with representatives invited from every NHW group within the Kuring gai Local Area Command (LAC). We also managed to tempt a coordinator from the Roseville NHW Area, Dr Bruce McAdam, with Roseville being within the Ku-ring-gai Council LGA but within the North Shore Police LAC.

A warning to share from our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Con Paul Cleary, for those in the West Pymble and East Killara areas - there has been a spate of break & enters where the method of entry was by removing the putty seal from around windows in order to remove the glass. The break-ins were between 12 and 4pm. What can we do? The best defence is a good

alarm system, good neighbours, and a dog. Please don't just check your windows now that you've read this - do a full security audit of your home!

Also, please be aware if you live in a block of units that underground car parks and cages are still being targeted, especially for high-end bikes and power tools. What can we do? Use a good padlock on your cage. Take any garage remote control out of the car and up to your unit with you. Remote controls have been taken for access in the future. Don't leave car keys or remotes by your front door.

Local businesses have been targeted for the cash in their tills. And then there's the regular warning about mailbox/ID theft - clear your mailbox and shred anything with your personal details on it, rather than bin it.

REMEMBER BICYCLES ARE VEHICLES TOO! As a motorist always make sure you:

- Change lanes when overtaking bike riders on multi-lane roads and allow at least a
 metre when overtaking bike riders in a single lane situation.
- Check for pedestrians, bike riders and motorcyclists before you turn or proceed at intersections.
- Check for bike riders before opening your car door or driving away from the kerb. It is
 illegal to cause a hazard to any bike rider, pedestrian or vehicle by opening a door or
 getting off or out of a vehicle.
- Give way to people walking and riding bikes when entering or leaving a driveway or side road.
- Check your blind spots you never know who may be there.
- Be aware that bike riders can legally:
- ride in a traffic lane even if a shoulder lane is provided
- pass to the left of stopped vehicles, except when those vehicles are indicating and turning left.



Roads are not exclusive to cars. As a motorist, please drive with consideration and share the

road with other road users, including other motorists, pedestrians and bike riders. www.sydneycycleways.net.

A reminder from Arcadia Rural Fire Brigade: #MOTORCYLENSW A person riding their motorbike was involved in an accident at 112kph and hit a bus. This is their helmet. Hopefully this reiterates the importance of wearing helmets when riding motorbikes! They save lives... What about the rest of your gear?



SYNTHETIC DRUGS FORUM - 7-9pm Wednesday 21 August at the Hornsby RSL. FREE event open to the community. Please phone Paul Stuart on 9477 8729 or email: pstuart@nsml.com.au



Essential information for parents, carers and professionals on the effects of drugs and alcohol on young people. Not to be missed!

Featuring Paul Dillon, keynote speaker and author of boat selling book for parents, *Teeragers, Alcohol and Drugs* released in 2009. Paul is a nationally recognised drug education specialist with 25 years experience in the field. Paul regularly appears in the media and is regarded as a key social commentator.

The night will be nested by David Citer, Manager of the KYDS Youth-Davelopment Service.

Q&A panel featuring NSW Police, NSW Health and other industry professionals to provide valuable insight into synthetic drugs and answer your questions.

Where: Hornsby HSL (main showroom), 4 High Street, Hornsby

When: Wadnesday 21 August
Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

RSVP: Please call Paul Swart on 9477 8729

or email pstuart@nsml.com.au.

















From NSW Fair Trading: Public Help Sought on Matthew Rixon Rip

Offs: http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/About_us/News_and_events/

Media_releases/2013_media_releases/

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Traveller Tip #5: SCAN YOUR ITINERARY, PASSPORT AND TRAVEL INSURANCE DOCUMENTS AND SAVE THEM TO A CLOUD-BASED STORAGE FOR EASY ACCESS (eg Dropbox, googledrive, iCloud). Mark essential documents as 'favourite' for offline access.

Traveller Tip #6: ASK YOUR NEIGHBOUR TO PUT YOUR BINS OUT AND IN EACH WEEK.

Traveller Tip #7: ASK YOUR NEIGHBOUR TO EMPTY YOUR MAILBOX, REGULARLY COLLECTING YOUR MAIL AND REMOVING ANY JUNK MAIL. (see NO JUNK MAIL stickers below)

Traveller Tip #8: ASK A NEIGHBOUR TO PARK IN YOUR DRIVEWAY, TO REMOVE THE FREEBIE NEWSPAPERS THROWN ON YOUR PROPERTY AND REGULARLY CHECK THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR PROPERTY FOR OTHER CLUES THAT YOU ARE AWAY (eg a note/business card in your door jamb).

Traveller Tip #9: CONSIDER WEARING A MONEYBELT UNDER YOUR CLOTHING WHILST TRAVELLING.

Traveller Tip #10: DON'T CHANGE THE ANSWERING MACHINE MESSAGE TO SAY THAT YOU'RE AWAY.

Traveller Tip#11: SIMILARLY, DON'T POST ON FACEBOOK THAT YOU ARE GOING TO BE AWAY.

From our neighbouring North Shore command: CAN YOU HELP CHATSWOOD POLICE IDENTIFY THIS MAN?

North Shore Police are seeking assistance from the public regarding the identity of this male caught on CCTV below. Investigators believe he may be able to assist them with their enquiries into a fraud matter where he allegedly arranged to do tree lopping work on a Roseville property however left the property without completing any work and after taking payment from the 93 year old victim. If you have any information regarding this incident or the identity of this man police urge you to contact Chatswood Police on 9414 8499 or anonymously via Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



From NSW Fair Trading: Our Car Buyers Guide is now available as a free e-book for your smart phone or tablet, download it today. http://bit.ly/141sMmm

Scheduled Road Works:

Mount Colah, Pac Hwy 100-400m north of Playfair Rd. Tue 6 Aug - Mon 12 Aug (Sun to Fri 8pm to 5am) Advice: Check signage. Reduce speed. Road maintenance work will take place over one night shift, during the week specified. Kerb and gutter replacement will require lane closures. Minor delays and some noise is expected.

Normanhurst, Pennant Hills Rd between Stuart Ave and Dartford Rd. Fri 2 Aug - Fri 30 Aug (Sun to Fri 8pm to 5am) Both directions affected. Advice: Reduce speed. Exercise caution. Road Maintenance. Four night shifts will be required to complete these works.

The Berowra Waters ferry will be out of service on the second Tuesday of every month from 12pm to 2:30pm, until Tuesday 10th December 2013.

SAFETY TIPS FOR WALKING/JOGGING:

- Try and use well known and well used areas to run/walk.
- Avoid secluded areas with areas of concealment.
- · Avoid dark areas, stay in well lit areas
- If out in the evening wear bright coloured clothing to improve your visibility.
- Go with a friend/other, there's safety in numbers
- · As a rule you should run/walk facing the traffic
- If followed, go to the nearest house and call the Police
- If possible vary your route and pattern of running
- Don't have your music to loud that you can't hear what is going on around you.
- Always be aware of your surroundings. Keep Alert!



From Turramurra Vet Hospital: RSPCA CUPCAKE DAY IS HERE AGAIN! ON THE 19TH OF AUGUST AND ALL THAT WEEK WE WILL BE SELLING TASTY CUPCAKES TO HELP THE FIGHT TO STOP ANIMAL ABUSE! PLEASE COME IN AND HAVE A WONDERFUL GUILT FREE TREAT FOR YOUR AFTERNOON TEA. CAKES WILL BE AVAILABLE TOO!



We have had a great response since last week's pic of these **'NO JUNK MAIL**" mailbox stickers. They are being produced as part of the council's sustainability program. Collect your sticker from the Customer Service counter, or through your local Neighbourhood Watch group. Or email NHWGordon@gmail.com.



Email <u>NHWGordon@gmail.com</u> with any crime prevention questions you may have and we can share the answers with other residents in the community.

Your local Police have a facebook page. Have you had a look? The page can be accessed without logging in to facebook. Simply click on the link: www.facebook.com/KuringGaiLAC. This page is where our volunteers copy and paste the posts from, in order to create the email content above.



Remember to report any suspicious activity in the neighbourhood directly to **Hornsby Police** on 02 9476 9799. DON'T DELAY IN REPORTING!

Please encourage your neighbours, family, colleagues and friends to join our NHW Gordon Mailing list at NHWGordon@gmail.com.

This email has been forwarded to you by Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby. Please share the information with anyone you think may be interested, and encourage them to join our Distribution lists. Thank you. If you live outside the Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai area, please contact your local Crime Prevention officer for similar information for your locality. If you are unaware of an active Neighbourhood Watch group in your area, please consider starting one.

Our mailing address is:

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