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PGPD Reports Burglaries of Unsecured Homes in Old Town Area

COLLEGE PARK, MD, December 29, 2017 - Over the last two weeks, burglaries of seven homes have been reported in the Old Town area of College Park by the Prince George's County Police Department (PGPD). Almost all of the affected properties were off-campus student housing, and all were unoccupied at the time of the events. In each case, the home had an unsecured door or window allowing the intruder to gain access inside.

A suspect has been identified for at least five of the seven burglaries by PGPD. PGPD, City Contract Officers and the University of Maryland Police Department (UMPD) have increased presence and patrols in the Old Town area and PGPD investigators are working diligently to apprehend the suspect.

No robberies (thefts with the threat or use of force) or any crimes of violence have been reported in the Old Town area. The burglaries (breaking and entering of a residence with the intent to commit a theft or crime), occurred when the homes were vacant during the winter holiday break.

Unfortunately during holiday and semester breaks, burglaries of this kind and frequency in off-campus student housing areas are not unusual. In the majority of cases, the intruder was able to gain access to the home because of open or unlocked doors or windows. To help prevent burglaries from occurring, please always remember to secure and lock all doors and windows, especially when not at home. Residents may request a vacation premise check by PGPD; to do so, please contact the City's Department of Public Services at 240-487-3570 or visit www.collegetparkmd.gov. Report any suspicious activity to police by calling 9-1-1.

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