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Sequim Burglaries Under Investigation

On May 22, 2006 at about 1:00am Sequim Police Officers Mike Hill and Jim Vorhies were dispatched to Sequim Medical Plaza at 777 North 5th Avenue for a burglar alarm activation. When the officers arrived they found a window near the east corner of the building that had been pried opened. The officers also found mail lying on the ground leading along the north side of the building. The officers collected the mail and found that some of it belonged to a resident at Sherwood Manor, 550 W. Hendrickson Road. The officers contacted the resident at Sherwood Village and found that her window had been opened. It was obvious that someone had been in the apartment and had gone through the resident's things. It is believed at this time that mail and checks were the only things taken.

Also reported this morning were two additional burglaries that occurred at 921 E. Hammond Street, Eclipse Café and The Sequim Senior Center. Officer Kori Malone was dispatched to this location when employees arrived for opening and found that the back door had been pried open. An undetermined amount of cash was taken from the Sequim Senior Center during the burglary. There was damage to some drawers and cabinets that appeared rummaged through.

Since May 3rd there have been a total of five commercial burglaries reported to Sequim Police Department. Petals Café in Sequim on May 3rd and Tailgate Pizza Company on May 14th and The Medical Plaza, Elements Café, and Sequim Senior Center on May 22, 2006. We want business owners to take

preventive measures, such as keeping a limited amount of cash onsite, using an alarm system, keeping on an interior light that is visible from the street, and installing deadbolts on exterior doors

There are similarities in this string of burglaries, cash seems to be the primary focus, pry tools have been used to enter, and they have entered through the rear door or window of the business. Evidence has been collected from these burglaries and is being processed.

Officer Maris Turner adds, "The Sequim Police Department would like to work with our local businesses to prevent burglaries from happening to them, please contact us for additional preventive tips at 683-7227."

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