



Campus Safety Department Crime Alert:

Residence Hall Burglaries January 3-7, 2019

Incident Information:

The Campus Safety Department is investigating three reports of burglaries of residence hall rooms that occurred between January 3, 2019 and January 7, 2019. One of the burglaries occurred in a resident's room in Veenstra Hall on or about January 5, 2019. The other two burglaries occurred in Bennink Hall between January 3 and January 7. In all three cases, cash was stolen from the rooms. No other property was stolen or tampered with, and there were no signs of a forced entry to any of the rooms. It is unknown how or when entry was made into any of the resident's rooms.

Suspect Information:

There is currently no suspect information available for any of these incidents.

Recommendation:

The majority of thefts that occur in dorm rooms and apartments happen when the residents are not in their rooms, and they leave their door unlocked. Everyone is reminded to lock the door to your room whenever you leave, even if it is just for a few minutes. Also, lock your door when you are sleeping. If you live on the ground floor, lock your windows. If you discover that your door or window does not lock, submit a maintenance request and have it repaired.

Do not leave exterior doors or inner lobby doors propped open when as they are supposed to remain secure and closed. If you find an open door, close it. Do not leave cash, credit cards, checks, or other valuables out in the open. Place valuables in a secure location that you can lock. Anyone who observes suspicious activity in or around any parking lot is encouraged to contact the Campus Safety Department immediately at 616-526-6452 for non-emergency calls or 616-526-3333 for an emergency. Be prepared to give a description of the person and tell where you last saw the person and the direction he or she was headed if applicable. If you wish to report suspicious activity by an individual and want to remain anonymous, you can contact Silent Observer at (616)774-2345 or by e-mail at <http://www.silentobserver.org/> or by texting to CRIMES (274637) include keyword Tip138 in the message.