



VILLAGE OF PINECREST

Press Release

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Police asking for public's help in string of vacant home burglaries

Pinecrest, FL – Burglars are targeting vacant houses that are listed for sale or are under renovation in Pinecrest. Eight homes have been burglarized over the last three months.

Burglars are stealing high-end kitchen appliances and patio furniture. The thieves enter the properties in the early morning hours and are suspected to be using work vans, rental trucks and the like to transport the stolen property. A plain white van was seen on surveillance video in the area of one of the incidents. Total property losses range from \$3,600 to \$79,000 per house.

Residents are being asked to call police if they see suspicious activity outside of a vacant house in their neighborhood - specifically trucks or vans during the night time or early morning hours.

The Police Department is currently working with realtors to identify and secure vacant homes. For more information about the department, please visit www.pinecrest-fl.gov/police.

Attached please find eight police reports and surveillance video of the incident dated 4/19/18.

PIO available until 3 p.m. today for sound.

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