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Three Early Morning Business Burglaries

Three Parker businesses were victimized by suspects in “Smash N Grab” style burglaries shortly after 5:00 a.m. this morning.

Cost Cutters, 12089 Parker Road

The Local, 19565 Mainstreet

Swirls Frozen Yogurt, 19751 Mainstreet

These three burglaries were committed in the same manner as those committed yesterday. The suspect smashed a front window to gain access to the inside of the business. These are currently under investigation and the possibility of them being linked to yesterday’s burglaries and others throughout the metro area is being considered. The suspect was wearing a ski mask and gloves and we are currently working to obtain a useful description of the suspect.

We will have increased officer presence overnight and will increase our patrols throughout our business community and the Town of Parker. We are asking that all citizens be vigilant and watch for suspicious behavior, especially late at night or early in the morning. If you see something that looks suspicious, please call the Parker Police Department at 303.841.9800. If you see a crime being committed, call 911.

There are a few things that businesses can do to make themselves less appealing to a criminal and can help mitigate losses in the event of a crime.

1. Hide Valuables-Make your business less appealing to criminals. They like to window shop! In the video we released from the burglary at Honey Baked Ham on October 15, the suspect looks through the window before breaking in and stealing two tablets.

2. Empty Cash Registers at Night-Each night, empty out your cash drawers and place them in a locked safe. It's important to lock your safe each night as well. If it isn't locked it's nothing more than a signal to thieves were to find valuables.
3. Evening Security Lighting-Have after-hours security lighting for your business so it isn't dark inside. Criminals like to commit crimes in the dark so they can't be caught or identified. Lighting can act as a deterrent and allows residents/officers to see into the business and notice criminal activity.
4. Working Security Systems-Just having the cameras isn't enough. Your system needs to be updated and maintained. Far too often we arrive at a crime scene and the business owner tells us their surveillance system doesn't work. Videos and pictures of criminals are critical to identifying and linking a suspect to crimes.

If you have information about the burglaries today or yesterday, please call the Parker Police Department at 303.841.9800.

If you have any questions please contact Public Information Officer Josh Hans at jhans@parkeronline.org or 720.692.4734.

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