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LPPD Recommends Vigilance as Warmer Spring Weather Arrives

As the area weather becomes warmer, residents also become prone to leaving their windows and doors open in order to let fresh air in, or try and stay cool without having to absorb high air-conditioning costs. In the Southeast Texas region, this is indeed a short-lived time of year which most people enjoy. However, the La Porte Police Department would like to remind community members to be vigilant about their home security while the weather remains mild.

Citizens are encouraged to check all residential doors and windows before leaving their residence. Much like vehicle burglars, residential thieves simply look for dwellings which appear vacant, upon which they may simply walk right up and test a door or window to see if it's unlocked. In such a circumstance, burglars can easily enter a residence and steal hundreds or even thousands of dollars worth of property in a matter of minutes.

"Any door or window that is hidden from the view of the street is particularly vulnerable," said Police Chief Ken Adcox. "Unfortunately, it is these same hidden access points that are commonly left unsecured by homeowners who seem to focus mainly on locking their front door, while leaving windows and backdoors unsecured. This makes for a very easy target."

Locking doors and windows is only one method of prevention La Porte Police inform. Other tips include:

- Checking all outside lighting devices for proper working order or increasing lighting.
- Ensuring that garage doors remain completely closed and secured at all times.
- Temporarily stopping newspaper and mail delivery if you plan to be away from home for, longer than 48 hours.
- Installing an alarm security system.

By taking a proactive stance in protecting your home, our entire community can enjoy its historical low crime rate. If you would like more information on Home Burglary prevention tips, contact the La Porte Police Department at 281-471-2141.