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BURGLARY ALERT

During Christmas Break student off-campus residences historically see a dramatic rise in burglary. University Police is offering a service to help minimize your risk of losses. The service consists of the following:

- Record the model and serial number of your valuables, which you do not intend to remove from the house during the Christmas Break and record them with University Police at:
<http://wfu.edu/forms-pubs/operation-id/#form>
- Take any and all portable valuables with you when you leave for the break.
- Make an appointment with a University Police detective to walk through your house with you and assist you in finding serial numbers on your valuables and how to secure your home. They may be reached at: Teresa Carlton carltotl@wfu.edu, Ted Johnson johnsobt@wfu.edu
- E-mail University Police at police@wfu.edu and let us know the dates your house will be unoccupied during the break so we can share the information with the Winston Salem Police Department.

To be proactive and thwart burglaries, follow these simple tips:

- Make sure that all doors and windows are locked and secured.
- Close all blinds.
- If your home has a security system, please make sure it is turned on. If it doesn't, consider putting a home security system sign in your yard. This won't guarantee they won't test out whether it's valid, but it could deter them.
- Ask a neighbor, or friend to keep an eye on your home. See if they would be willing to pick up your mail and newspapers while you are gone.
- If at all possible, take home valuables (i.e. jewelry, gaming equipment, laptops, TVs, etc...)
- Consider buying timers for your lights. This will help create an illusion that someone is still there.
- Ask your landlord if he/she would consider installing motion detector flood lights to the exterior of your home.

Working together we can reduce the impact of holiday crime.

Happy Holidays from your University Police!