



The Prince William County Police Department is asking for the public's help in providing information about a related string of burglaries which has occurred in the Lake Ridge area of Prince William County.

Since mid-December of 2010, residents in Lake Ridge have reported burglaries to their residences. To date, a total of fourteen burglaries have been reported. The burglaries seem to occur during the day while the homeowners are at work. Entry in most of the cases is by force to an exterior door. In one case, the attempted burglary below, a deadbolt prevented the door from being opened fully and no entry could be gained. In the successful burglaries, jewelry appears to be the main target. Police are saturating the area today and the Prince William County Police Crime Prevention Unit has sent out alerts to area residences.

Thankfully, the Lake Ridge area has a low crime rate and we have a top-rate police force that helps to keep our community safe. We certainly do not want to alarm you. Instead, it is our hope that by passing this information along in an E-Update, we get the word out so that folks will remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity in the neighborhood to the police. Anyone with information relating to these cases is urged to call Crime Solvers at 703-670-3700 or 1-866-411-TIPS. You don't have to give your name, just the information. You could earn up to a \$1,000 cash reward.

**\*\*Prince William County Police strongly urge residents to secure the deadbolts on all exterior doors. If residents have alarm systems, it is also encouraged that they are armed when the residence is unoccupied.\*\***

For a map of the areas that have been affected, please see the attachment.

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