



OVERLAND PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime Analysis Unit

For information, contact the OPPD Crime Analysis Unit at 327-6904



2000 PUBLIC INFORMATION SHEET

OVERLAND PARK'S RELATIVELY LOW CRIME RATE IS THE RESULT OF MANY THINGS, INCLUDING AGGRESSIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE EFFORT OF ACTIVE, INFORMED CITIZENS WORKING TOGETHER TO PREVENT CRIME.

In addition to the uniformed patrol officers, the police department has a traffic safety unit, detectives, communications officers, records and property room personnel, crime lab facilities, a crime prevention unit, a crime analysis unit, an alarm coordinator, D.A.R.E., a fugitive apprehension unit, a community oriented policing and problem solving unit, and the school resource office program working together toward a safer, more secure community.

The following are excerpts from actual police reports where the victim contributed to their victimization because of something he/she did or failed to do. **FOR INFORMATION ON A FREE RESIDENTIAL SECURITY SURVEY, CONTACT THE CRIME PREVENTION UNIT AT 327-6932.**

Dearborn Street . . . The residents left their three-car garage open overnight and the cars inside unlocked. In the morning, they discovered all three cars had been burglarized and numerous valuable items stored in the garage were missing.

Lowell Street . . . The resident went to bed, leaving the front door unlocked. The next morning, she found someone had entered her apartment and taken her purse from the kitchen.

Melrose Street . . . The resident told his brother's new friend that they kept \$3500 in a shoe box under a bed in the master bedroom. Two days later the money, and the friend, were gone.

Mackey Street . . . The resident removed a basement window to clean it but failed to replace the window. The next day, while the resident was at work, someone entered the residence through the missing window and stole a large amount of electronics and jewelry.

Slater Street . . . The resident returned home from a 3day vacation and found her house had been burglarized. A neighbor who was supposed to be watching the house reported to the police officer that she had observed a person standing next to the victim's house. In addition, she said, she had observed lights on inside the residence and a strange vehicle parked in the driveway, but said that she *DID NOT THINK TO CALL THE POLICE.*

THEY'LL TAKE ANYTHING! SECURE YOUR PROPERTY!



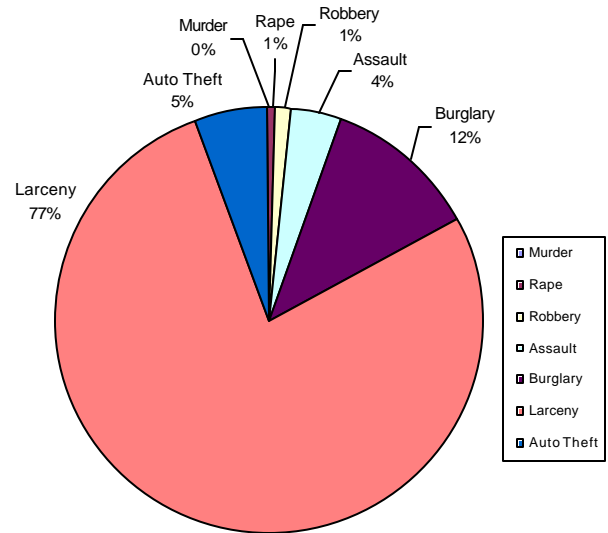
- Walmer Street . . . A porcelain bowl
- Oakmont Street . . . Climbing equipment
- West 76th Street . . . A Blender
- Conser Street . . . A ceramic lamp
- Craig Drive . . . Two packages of meat
- Hemlock Street . . . A pair of ice skates
- Lowell Drive . . . A pewter train



COMPARATIVE CRIME RATE (*1998 data)

The chart below shows how Overland Park's crime rate* compares to other communities our size nationwide. The figures displayed are per 1,000 citizens.

	OVERLAND PARK	CITIES OUR SIZE
Murder	.02	.08
Rape	.25	.45
Robbery	.37	2.51
Aggravated Assault	1.66	4.52
Burglary	6.12	11.90
Larceny/Theft	41.15	37.69
Motor Vehicle Theft	2.79	6.88



THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFERS SEVERAL FREE SERVICES THAT WILL HELP IMPROVE YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY OR THAT OF YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS. THE INFORMATION BELOW IS A SAMPLE OF SOME OF THESE SERVICES.

RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL SECURITY SURVEYS

The Crime Prevention Unit conducts Home Security Surveys for residents free of charge. An officer will come to your home, survey your security measures, and make recommendations. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the Crime Prevention Unit at 327-6932.

VACATION HOUSE WATCH PROGRAM

The Patrol Division will check on your home while you are on vacation. When you place your home on the **House Watch Program**, a uniformed officer will check the residence at least once a day, duty permitting. For more information, call **895-6292** (for residents north of 103rd Street) or **327-6892** (for residents south of 103rd Street).

VIN ETCHING ON YOUR PERSONAL VEHICLE

The Crime Prevention Unit provides a free **VIN Etch** service to residents of Overland Park. They can also provide this service as part of a Home Security Survey. The officers will etch your **Vehicle's Identification Number** on each piece of glass on your vehicle. Call the Crime Prevention Unit at **327-6932**.

OPERATION IDENTIFICATION

The Crime Prevention Unit loans **engraving tools** to home owners at no cost in an effort to deter theft and burglary by making all property readily identifiable by law enforcement agencies in **Operation Identification**. Upon return of the engraver, warning stickers advising the property is marked for identification are provided to you. Contact the Crime Prevention Unit at **327-6932**.

FALSE ALARM PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Alarm Coordinator will assist residents with alarm systems in obtaining a City permit (**required** under ordinance), answering questions about new alarm systems, officer response, and to sign up for the **False Alarm Prevention Program**. There is no cost for this program and a \$50 certificate towards an alarm penalty fee is given at the end of the program. The class is a one-time, 2-hour class, offered monthly. Call the Alarm Coordinator's Office at **327-6915**.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

A number of **volunteer positions** are available in many areas within the police department, including the Crime Analysis Unit, Traffic Safety Unit, and Crime Prevention Unit. If you are interested in becoming a Police Department Volunteer, or would like to attend our Citizen's Police Academy, please call **327-6902**.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

In an effort to keep the citizens involved in protecting their family, property, and neighbors, the **Neighborhood Watch Program** has been revitalized to help stop crime before it happens. If you are interested in organizing or participating in this program, call the Crime Prevention Unit at **327-6932**.

REMEMBER, AS PARTNERS IN THE EFFORT TO KEEP OVERLAND PARK SAFE, WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER