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**\*\*\*Crime Alert – Residential Burglaries\*\*\***  
**UPDATE**

Brookfield Residents,

As a follow up to last week's Crime Alert, the Brookfield Police Department is pleased to announce an arrest in our most recent residential burglary which occurred in the 4400 block of Deyo. During the course of this investigation it was discovered that a resident near the victim's home had a video system that captured the suspects in action as the burglary unfolded. As previously reported the Gold colored Jeep Grand Cherokee, was involved. With hard work and persistence by our Detectives, suspects were developed and this vehicle was put under surveillance.

On Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 our Detectives with Task Force assistance from MCAT (Major Case Assistance Team), tracked two suspects in the Gold Jeep from the north side of Chicago into Brookfield, Forest Park, Oak Park and Berwyn. While in Brookfield the suspects stopped and knocked on the door of one residence in the 4300 block of Madison. When a resident answered, the suspect who was on crutches asked for someone who did not live there. Suspects left the area at that time, but we believe that had the resident not been at home, this was their next intended target. While still under surveillance by the Team, suspects then drove out of town and focused their attention on a residence in Forest Park, where they eventually did commit another residential burglary. Suspects were stopped after leaving the scene of that crime, and were taken into custody after a traffic stop in Berwyn. As a result of that investigation, those two suspects were charged with the Forest Park Burglary and the owner of the Jeep Cherokee, (the suspect on crutches) was charged with the Deyo Avenue burglary (Class 1 Felony). The remaining recent Brookfield residential burglaries are still open investigations awaiting lab evidence.

I'd like to commend you (our residents) for responding to last week's alert and calling in many many reports of suspicious activity, and suspicious persons in your neighborhoods. "If you see something, say something" is definitely catching on! While it's true that most times people are not involved in any sort of criminal activity at all, it's still good that the police get calls to check things out and ease concerns in our efforts to proactively keep our Village safe. This is a team effort, and we appreciate our residents involvement in maintaining awareness on what's going in our community. Please hold on to the link in case you missed it last time, "A Comprehensive Guide to Securing your Home", at <https://www.safehome.org/resources/guide-securing-home>. Good job Brookfield...! Both the Police Department and the entire community can take credit for this arrest. Thank you as always for all the support.

  
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