# **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

## Subject: Horsham Police Weekly Update

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# **Thursday 8th December**

# Crime summary

#### **Burglary Press Release-**

Reference: 1341 06-12 Location: Chiltington Road, Pulborough. Date and time: 06/12/16 Details: A family was left shaken after they were robbed at knife point in their home near Pulborough.

At around 8pm on Tuesday (December 6) the victim had returned to his home in West Chiltington Road and went into his dining room where he was confronted by a man. A scarf was partially covering his face and he was holding a knife. He forced the victim, a 55-year-old man, into the bedroom where he made him kneel on the floor and tell him where anything valuable was kept.

During this time his wife had also returned and was also threatened. She managed to get away and raise the alarm.

Detective Inspector Alan Pack said: "Neither of the occupants were hurt but extremely shaken by what happened. Jewellery, two watches, a purse and some cash were taken.

"It is unclear at this stage whether there were two men in the house or one.

"We believe it may be linked to other burglaries in Billingshurst and Pulborough on Tuesday afternoon. This is a rural location and it is likely the suspect had access to a nearby vehicle. We have a number of enquiries that we are completing and extra police units in the area.

"We are appealing to anyone who saw anyone or a vehicle acting suspiciously in the area between 12.30pm and 10.30pm on Tuesday. We are also interested to hear from anyone who might have been driving along West Chiltington Road using a dash camera between 7pm and 9pm and might have captured something which could help us with our investigation."

### **Other Burglaries**

Reference: 0592 03-12 Location: Woodmancote, Horsham Date and time: Between 1700-2130 03/12/16 Details: Untidy search clothes stolen. Reference: 0874 05-12 Location: Itchingfield, Horsham Date and time: 1415 05/12/16 Details: Rear window forced, untidy search jewellery box stolen.

Reference: 0942 05-12 Location: Coxham Lane, Steyning. Date and time: 29/11/16 – 05/12/16 Details: Entry through a window, unknown at this time if anything has been stolen.

Reference: 0371 06-12 Location: Arunside, Horsham Date and time: 1030 06/12/16 Details: Victim heard intruders trying to break in. No entry was gained

Reference: 0795 06-12 Location: Billingshurst Date and time: 1445 06/12/16 Details: Victim heard noise and found two intruders trying to gain entry.

Reference: 1405 06-12 Location: Masons Way Codmorehill Date and time: Between 0920-2115 06/12/16 Details: entry gained by leaning in window and opening back door. Untidy search but nothing stolen.

Reference: 1462 07-12 Location: Codman Hill, Pulborough Date and time: Between 06/12/16 0900 – 07/12/16 2020 Details: Entry through window, cash stolen.

### Other than Dwelling

Reference: 0558 03/12 Location: Woodmancote, Horsham Date and time: Between 01/12 – 04/12 Details: Padlock cut to gain entry and Chainsaw stolen.

Reference: 0159 05-12 Location: Warnham, Horsham Date and time: 0159 05/12/16 Details: Overnight garage door forced and vehicle broken into tree surgery equipment stolen.

Reference: 1376 02-12 Location: Worthing town centre Date and time: 01/12-02/12 Details: Insecure garage broken into and bike stolen.

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