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**Middle Plantation Civic League  
Safety Alert**

This email is to alert you of two incidences that have happened in the past 24-48 hours in our around our neighborhood. Please read and pass along to friends and neighbors. If you should happen to have any information, contact the crime line immediately. As always, if you see something that seems suspicious, please call the non-emergency police number 385-5000.

- 1- Last night a vehicle was broken into on St. Giles in the middle section of the neighborhood. Several valuable computer items and a set of house keys were taken in addition to damage to the vehicle. This crime occurred after 11 pm last night.
- 2- In another neighborhood, 2 men were going door to door claiming to be from a company called 2Gig stating they were there to upgrade a home security system. They did not have business cards and when the homeowner called to inquire was told there were no upgrades and they never send anyone out without an appointment. These two men have also used other business names all with the intent to enter the residences. Fortunately, none of the homeowners have allowed them into their homes.

Please remember to lock your vehicles, never leave purses/computers/cell phones/wallets/etc. in open view in a vehicle and keep exterior doors closed and locked especially after dark. Remember, your door is your first line of defense - never open it to a stranger. Verify their identity through a closed, locked door and only open it if you feel comfortable doing so. I have attached a couple of previous press releases from our VB Police liaison that contain helpful tips and information on door-to-door solicitors, security salespeople, and individuals seeking charitable donations. While we hope this does not happen to others, we need to all do our part to not "invite" criminal activity by becoming known as a neighborhood that is easy prey. We may not be able to keep these persons from trying, but we can sure make it harder for them, which will hopefully send them to another neighborhood or other area of the City.

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