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## Community Awareness Bulletin

Recently there have been several armed home invasions of employees and/or owners of Asian restaurants throughout eastern North Carolina. Most of these home invasions have occurred during night time hours as the victims were returning home after work. The New Bern Police Department would like to offer the following crime prevention tips to all residents and businesses to help keep you and your family safe.

- Be vigilant as you are closing your business.
- Watch for unusual cars or persons loitering in the parking lots.
- Keep an eye out for possible vehicles that follow you home. If you feel as if you are being followed, drive past your home and call 911.
- Use bank drop boxes and police escorts for depositing money after close of business.
- Do not openly display cash or money bags as you are leaving your business or walking into your residence.
- Have your Community Policing Officer complete a business and/or residential survey to help address security concerns. This can be done by calling (252) 633-2020 and asking for an officer to do the survey(s).
- Use motion or security lighting around your business and residence, especially around entrances.
- Make sure all windows and doors are locked at both your residence and business.

The New Bern Police Department is committed to partnering with the community. Citizens are encouraged to become a **“Partner in Policing,”** by reporting suspected illegal activity to the New Bern Police Department’s **TIPS** line at **(252) 636-5034** or the Craven County Crime Stoppers line at 633-5141.

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