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## Holden News July 26, 2007

### Warrant issued in Shrewsbury Street car theft

BY MELISSA MCKEON MMCKEON@HOLDENLANDMARK.

Holden Police Department Detective Chris Carey said Tuesday that a warrant had been obtained for the arrest of an individual police believe stole a car and small items from a home on Shrewsbury Street last Wednesday night.

As The Landmark went to press, the suspect was still at large.

Carey said a thief attempted entry into the house through two window screens, succeeding on the second attempt, while the family was asleep. Small items were taken from the home and a vehicle parked in the driveway was stolen.

The theft was discovered by the family around 7 a.m. Thursday. The vehicle was stolen between 10 or 11 p.m. on July 18 and 7 a.m. on July 19, Holden Police Chief George Sherrill said.

The vehicle and some personal items were later recovered.

Based on information developed through the Worcester County Breaking and Entering Task Force, a suspect has been identified. Charges may be pending against two other individuals in the case as well, Carey said.

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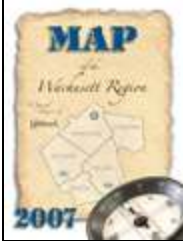
While break-ins during the night while homeowners are asleep are rare in Holden, Carey suggested residents take ordinary precautions: keep first-floor windows closed at night; lock cars and take valuables out of cars or keep them hidden; always be aware of what goes on in the neighborhood and report anything suspicious.



"Ninety-nine times out of a 100, [suspicious vehicles] turn out to be nothing," Carey said.

But there is that one percent of the time.

Carey recommended taking down license plate numbers and descriptions and calling Holden Police if anything out of the ordinary seems to be happening in the neighborhood.



"The patrolmen in town do a great job," Carey said, "But they can't be on every street every day, so it's up to the neighbors to be observant."

The theft occurred on the same night police in Leominster arrested two suspects in several North Country burglaries. Sherrill said police do not believe there's any connection between those burglaries and the car theft on Shrewsbury Street.



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