Information on a burglary

The University of Missouri Police Department received a report at 11:40 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, about a burglary that occurred at approximately 9:40 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, at the Sigma Chi fraternity house, 500 S. College Ave.

According to MU police, a suspect entered a third-floor fire escape door and stole approximately $17,000 worth of items. The suspect is a black male with short hair and wearing a white t-shirt. See picture below.

A witness reported that the suspect was driving a black Dodge Charger.

The Columbia Police Department also received a report of a burglary between 10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, and 1 a.m. Friday, Sept. 20, in the 1300 block of Rosemary Street. (Case number 2019-009908)

Police do not know if the two incidents are related.

If anyone has information regarding these burglaries, please contact MU police at (573) 882-7201 or call CrimeStoppers at (573) 875-TIPS (8477) to remain anonymous.

The MU Police Department suggests the following tips to minimize the risk of burglary:

- Always lock and secure home/room/apartment.
- Never leave valuables, including cell phones and GPS devices or accessories, in plain view.
- Always lock bicycles with a U-lock through the front wheel and frame to the bike rack.
- Keep a record of the basic description of valuables including make, model and serial numbers.
- Always lock door(s) when sleeping or when leaving residence hall rooms or offices for any reason.
- Limit the amount of cash that is carried. Keep checks, credit cards and other items of value secured and out of sight.
- Do not lend keys to others.
- Do not prop open any exterior residence hall doors. Do not let people into locked exterior residence hall doors. If the person is supposed to be in the residence hall, the individual will have a key or a friend coming to let them inside.

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