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# News Release

## **HPD Continues Investigations into Burglaries at Residences**

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As a follow up to the February 5 press release, HPD is still seeking information on the person(s) responsible for early morning hour burglaries to residential houses in Harrisonburg.

On Jan 2, at approximately 01:45 a.m., officers with the Harrisonburg Police Department responded to the 400 block of Monticello Ave for a report of a burglary. The residents were awoken by an individual who was using a flashlight to look through the homeowners belongings inside the house. Upon the residents awakening, the suspect fled the residence. The suspect was described as a male, approximately 5'8" to 5'10".

On Feb 5, at approximately 3:30 a.m., officers with the Harrisonburg Police Department were dispatched to the 500 block of Myers Avenue for the report of a robbery that just occurred at a residence. Upon arrival, officers determined the suspect made entry to the house through an unlocked garage door. The suspect was last seen wearing dark in color baggy pants with a dark colored jacket or shirt with a hood. The suspect was also described as being approximately 5'10" tall and weighing between 180 and 200 pounds.

Then on Feb 23, officers with the Harrisonburg Police Department responded to the 200 block of Divot Drive for a report of an attempted burglary in which the suspect made entry to the house through an unlocked garage door. The time of the attempted burglary was approximately 5:00 a.m. Upon being confronted by the homeowner, the suspect fled the residence. The suspect was last seen wearing a black hooded shirt with dark colored pants. Upon searching the area, officers

discovered a bicycle, which had been discarded in the victim's yard. This bicycle was determined to have been stolen from a neighboring residence.

Lt. Chris Rush, Division Commander of the Criminal Investigations Division, states, "The Harrisonburg Police Department cannot determine at this point if these cases are related, but there are definite similarities in these cases." Lt. Rush is encouraging anyone with information in reference to these crimes to contact the Criminal Investigations Division of the Harrisonburg Police Department at 540-437-2640.

Anyone with additional information, who wishes to remain anonymous, is asked to call Crime Solvers at 540-574-5050. Tipsters may also text "HPD" plus the tip to CRIMES (274637).

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