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Copper Theft Prevention Tips

Copper Theft is a crime that is growing nationally as well as locally. The Lansing Police Department would like to provide Lansing residents and Business owners with some tips in hopes to prevent them from being copper theft targets.

Vacant, abandoned and homes waiting to be refurbished are being targeted. In Lansing a reoccurring method of entry into homes has been a rear door being breached. Copper thefts of homes have included taking out copper plumbing to ripping out and the taking of hot water heaters.

Businesses have also been victim to copper thefts. A reoccurring method of copper thefts in businesses has been the taking or damage to exterior air conditioning units that are located either on top of the business or attached to the sides of the building.

- Citizens are being asked to be on the lookout for suspicious activity near vacant homes and/or businesses after hours.
- If you see unusual activity in and around these areas please call the Lansing Police Department at 483-7600.
- Provide specific suspect description and/or vehicle description to the dispatcher when calling as to provide as much detail as possible for responding officers.
- Home owners of vacant homes should make frequent visits to the home and make sure entry and exit points are secure.
- Home owners and businesses should keep the perimeter of the home or business free of ladders or other items that may be used to access rooftops.