

# *New Garden Township*

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Chief of Police

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## **Press Release – Criminal Investigation**

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 1358 hours

**Location:** Unit block of Radburn Drive  
Hill Stream II  
Landenberg, PA 19350

**Type of Incident:** Residential Burglary (Occupied)

**Victim Information:** Not Released

**Suspect(s) Description:** #1. Black male wearing a green knit cap.

#2. White male, 20-25 years of age, pale complexion, short dark hair with a “chin strap beard”, 6’01” – 6’02” approximately 220 lbs., wearing dark clothing.

**Vehicle Description:** Dodge Charger, 4 door, “steel gray” with a handicap placard.

The New Garden Township police are investigating an occupied residential burglary occurring in the unit block of Radburn Drive in the development of Hill Stream II in Landenberg, PA.

At 1:58 pm, the police responded to the aforementioned location for a report of an in-progress residential burglary. Upon arrival, police met the victim who was home at the time of the break-in. The victim advised that she was inside her residence when she observed a gray sedan pull into her driveway. Moments later, the victim report she heard the doorbell ring followed by a knock at the front door. The victim states that the noise went from a knocking sound to a bang with glass breakage. The victim states that she went towards the noise she found an intruder standing (see description #1) inside her foyer area. The victim advised that she then fled the residence and called 911.

Upon doing a neighborhood canvas, witnesses described a vehicle (see description above) exiting the development at a high-rate of speed south towards Delaware. The driver of the suspect vehicle is a white male; see description at # 2.

The victim was physically unharmed in the incident. However, numerous items were reported stolen from the residence, including jewelry, electronics and credit cards.

The New Garden Township police department has been investigating several unoccupied residential burglaries along the southern and eastern boundaries, near the State of Delaware. Specifically, the following communities have experienced residential break-ins:

1. Somerset Lake – January 1, 2012 @ 0054 hours  
4000 block of Rosemont Drive
2. Estates of Bucktoe – January 6, 2012 @ 1539 hours  
100 block of Fernwood Drive
3. Hartefeld – January 24, 2012 @ 1331 hours  
100 block of Porthcawl Court
4. Landenberg Village – January 25, 2012 @ 1529 hours  
200 block of Auburn Road
5. Hill Stream II – January 31, 2012 @ 1358 hours  
Unit block of Radburn Road

The New Garden Township police department continues to work diligently with nearby law enforcement agencies to investigate these series of residential break-ins.

The police department reminds the community to be watchful of suspicious activity occurring in and around their community. Contact the police immediately by dialing 9-1-1 when suspicious activity is observed. Finally, the New Garden Township police department reminds its citizens to take normal security precautions at their residences when they are away. They include, but are not limited to:

Lock your doors and windows,  
Create an impression someone is home,  
Leave lights or audio equipment on, (*alternate use*)  
Park a vehicle in the driveway,  
Close garage doors,  
Activate alarms,  
Advise a trusted neighbor or friend of your absence, however don't publicize on social websites, etc...

For residents of New Garden Township, who are going to be away for an extended period of time, you may request a property check from the police department. Contact the New Garden Township police administrative office at 610-268-2907, ext. 100.

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