

31 Dec 2009 (via email)

Dear Neighbors,

The following items may be of interest to you.

1.) **CRIME ALERT:** We received a crime alert from TPD for the area bounded by Speedway to River Road and Country Club to Campbell. TPD has seen an increase in burglaries in this area. TPD is asking all of us to be on the alert for any suspicious activity, including vehicles, bikes, people walking around without a purpose, people looking over fences in alleys, people coming door-to-door, etc.

If somebody or something does not feel right to you, call in the suspicious activity. If a salesman comes to the door without any product, business ID, or a phone number you can call to verify him with, call it in. If you see persons riding bikes (other than children) up and down the block round and round, back and forth, or lingering at an empty home, call 911. TPD needs this information to try and track the suspects.

When you call in, give a detailed description of the suspect, the act, and any vehicle they are associated with. If you can see any part of a plate or direction of travel that would be helpful. Never confront a suspect. However, if you see them cruising around, call 911 and step out on your porch, water your plants, or make an appearance (get the mail) and let them know they are being watched just by your presence alone. With your help, TPD may be able to put a stop to this criminal activity.

2.) **QUESTIONABLE SALESPeOPLE:** Once again, some of our neighborhoods have been targeted by aggressive salespeople. They claim to be selling magazine subscriptions, along with gasoline and food "programs". These "salespeople" change from year-to-year, but this year they are young African American males. They often come to the same home more than once. One of our neighbors decided to do some research on the company these young men work for. He learned that there was no documentation about the food and gas programs (where you buy a certain quantity and then submit receipts for a rebate) but he was assured that he could call the number on his receipt to get more information.

Instead, he went on line to investigate and found out that many customers had bad experiences with the company – no magazines received, the company has no website, and their phone has been disconnected. There are even reports of some salespeople committing crimes while soliciting. The Better Business Bureau rates the company "F". Here are the specifics on the company:

Dedicated Too, Inc.  
8557 W. US Highway 20  
W. Michigan City, IN 46360

With the continuing economic difficulties, we expect to see an increase in these types of activities. We urge you to get to know your neighbors, have someone watch your house when you are away for extended periods, always lock your doors and gates to your yard, even when

you are home, and be aware of your surroundings as you come and go. Thank you for working together to help keep our neighborhoods safe.

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