

McKownville thief strikes again

By STEPHEN PAUSE

The residents of McKownville again fell victim to an attempted larcenist early Sunday morning.

Cindy Peaslee, a resident of Providence Street, said that she was awakened at 1:40 a.m. on Sunday morning by someone attempting to break into a truck in her driveway. The assailant had parked his truck on the dark street near a neighbor's house and had walked up a driveway

to the construction truck, which was backed against Peaslee's driveway.

Police were called but by then the suspect realized he had been noticed and fled around Ann Street and down Mercer Street.

This is the third incident for Peaslee, who said she no longer feels safe in the neighborhood.

"Somehow he's got to be caught. I don't want to live like this," she said.

She also questioned the response time of the police department.

"I can get from here to the 20 Mall in six minutes at that time of night," she said. "I don't know where they were."

The first break-in occurred a few weeks ago when a truck parked on the street in front of her house was robbed. More recently, \$1,000 in tools were taken from the same construction truck that was targeted on Sunday. After a third attempt, Peaslee is expecting a fourth.

"I wouldn't be surprised if he comes back in two weeks," she said. "I knew he'd come back; that's why I asked for increased patrols."

The suspect is described as a white male, between 20 and 40 years of age, between 5 feet 10 inches and 6 feet tall. He was wearing tan or light coat and coveralls and a hat and was seen driving off in an old gray or blue truck.

Last week the town board approved a motion to extend the lighting district to install a light post at the end of Providence Street. There is no word yet on when the light will be installed, although the winter weather may delay the installation by several months.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Guilderland Police Department at 356-1501.

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