

Police eye possible suspect in two Elks Lodge break-ins

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The Crescent City Police Department is eyeing a single suspect in two recent break-ins at the downtown Elks Lodge, 359 H St.

Nothing was taken in the first break-in, Oct. 22. Five days later, someone broke through the lodge's front glass door and stole an undisclosed amount of cash from the bar area.

Crescent City Police Chief Richard Griffin said that although there was no exterior surveillance, some surveillance is available from the building's interior that points to a single suspect.

"We do have a suspect in mind, but I can't say any more than that, or it might tip them off," Griffin said.

The Triplicate's former office, at 340 H St., was also broken into on Sept. 16. The company's losses totaled nearly \$20,000, including several office computers.

At the time, Acting Chief of Police Sgt. Edward Wilson said The Triplicate was one of five businesses that had been burglarized since Aug.6, according to Crescent City police records.

He said that during that timeframe, there had been seven incidents of shoplifting, two vehicle burglaries, and two residential and five commercial burglaries.

Wilson said anecdotally that the number of break-ins seemed on par with property crime this time of year. “We see an increase in petty theft from cars during the summer at the hotels and motels, while the residential break-ins tend to be steady,” he said.

Despite the latest break-ins on H Street, Griffin said he saw no reason to dispute Wilson’s assumptions without fully digging through the reports over the past year to discover possible trends. “Break-ins are still on average with what we normally deal with,” Griffin said.

He added that anyone can submit a tip about the Elks Lodge burglaries anonymously by calling the police department at 707-464-2133, or emailing ccpd@crescentcity.org.