

Special Message for the Hispanic Community

From the Rock Hill Police Department

Please be aware that the number of crimes targeting the local Hispanic population have greatly increased over the last few years. The crimes include but are not restricted to home invasions, armed robberies, auto thefts, breaking and entering autos, etc.....

We believe the reason you may be targeted is because it is well known that you sometimes carry lots of cash or keep it in your homes instead of in a bank where it would be safe. We believe that most Hispanic people are reluctant to report crimes because of fear of retaliation or distrust of Law Enforcement.

How can you avoid becoming a victim?

- Open bank accounts and learn how to use ATM cards and to access your money from ATM machines. (You can also use your card to send money to your family, to shop, buy gas, etc...)
- Be aware of your surroundings and possible dangers, stay in well lighted areas, and walk with other people.
- Do not leave valuables in your car, especially where they can be seen. Lock them in the trunk when you must leave them un attended.
- Keep your home locked and secure and do not open the door to strangers. Have a trusted neighbor watch your home when you are away.
- You can request a free home security survey and more crime prevention tips by contacting the RHPD Community Services Division at 329-5583.
- If you do become a victim, call 911. We are here to insure your safety and help you. If you do not speak English, be patient and a Spanish speaking operator will contact you. If we are able to make an arrest in your case, this will help prevent the same person from committing more crimes. We are hoping to work together with your community in insure a safer living environment.

If you have any questions in regards to this information, you can call 325-2537.
Thank you.