

## 10/04/18 7164 CN201-CN217 High Value Gold Burglaries

We are seeing the unwelcome return of high value gold burglaries as the season changes and the days lengthen. You may remember the damage and loss to our communities last year from the extended attacks against dwellings in South Gloucestershire and that, in particular, Stoke Gifford and Bradley Stoke suffered a high number of victims. Typically homes are targeted by travelling offenders, who often come from other force areas. Patio doors are smashed and an untidy search follows. Notable items such as electronics are ignored as the offenders target gold within the chosen address. These homes are often targeted due to the ethnic origin or religion of the occupants. Sikh, Chinese and Vietnamese families are particularly vulnerable due to the likelihood of gold and gold jewellery being kept at home. Even having a safe at home may not prove a defence.

These are highly organised criminals that rely on local support from other criminals, and use sophisticated methods to choose their victims, including prior research such as door to door canvassing under the pretence of looking for work to identify likely victims. Repeat victims are common.

However there is much we can do to warn and safeguard our communities. I am attaching a guide to these offences and I would be grateful if you could circulate this amongst your members. Residents should be alert to canvassers for gardening and maintenance work including driveways, as this can be a precursor to offences taking place. Any flyers should be kept and handed to the police promptly

Attachments:

- [high-value-gold-burglary.pdf](#)

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