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How to Protect Your Garage

Garage burglaries are common in our neighborhood and usually occur when a homeowner leaves the garage door open.

However, there are reports that some burglars know how to get around the locking mechanism of garage door openers by using a hook to fish over the door and disengage the automatic garage door opener arm.

There are several methods for protecting your garage from this type of break-in.

Some experts suggest using a zip-tie to lock the disengaging arm on the automatic opener. This will prevent thieves from opening the door, but the safety pull handle can still be yanked hard to break the zip ties in an emergency.

In addition, the Sheriff's Department urges homeowners to:

- ✓ Put a deadbolt on the door leading to the garage and keep it bolted.
- ✓ When parked on the street, don't leave your garage door opener in your car. A thief can easily break into the car, take the remote and open the garage door.
- ✓ Make sure the door leading to your garage is as strong and secure as your front door so it can't be easily kicked in.
- ✓ Don't leave your garage door open.
- ✓ Cover your garage windows so thieves can't see when you are gone.
- ✓ When you are out of town, install a padlock on the throw latch on your garage door or use a C-clamp on the door track to prevent the door from being lifted.