

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY CONCERNING PERSONS

**IF YOU OBSERVE ANY OF THESE SUSPICIOUS
ACTIVITIES CALL YOUR LOCAL POLICE
AGENCY**

**CITY OF DECATUR POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

**EMERGENCY
911**

OR

**NON-EMERGENCY
(404) 373-6551**

CIRCUMSTANCE	POSSIBLE CRIME
Going door to door in a residential area, especially if one or more persons goes to rear of residence	Possible burglary suspects or trespassers
Waiting or loitering in front of an unoccupied house or closed business	Possible burglary suspects
Forcing entrance or entering neighbors house when unoccupied	Possible burglary, theft, or trespassing
Person running, especially if something of value is being carried	Possible suspect fleeing the crime scene
Person carrying unwrapped property at an unusual hour	Possible suspect fleeing the scene of a burglary or robbery
Unusual amount of human traffic to and from a certain residence if it occurs on a regular basis	Possible drug or other criminal related operation
Person screaming	Possible rape or assault
Persons loitering around cars or peering into cars, especially in parking lots or on streets	Possible car theft or theft from vehicle
Persons loitering around schools, parks or secluded areas	Possible sex offenders or drug dealers
Persons selling items at a very low price	Possibly trying to sell stolen goods
Strangers loitering or driving through a neighborhood several times	Possible burglary suspects or vandals
Slow moving vehicle, without head or rear lights, or following an aimless course in a residential neighborhood, school zones or playgrounds	Possible burglar, drug user, or sex offender
Parked or occupied vehicle containing one or more persons, especially significant if observed at an unusual hour	Possible lookouts for drug dealers, burglaries or robberies
Vehicles being loaded with valuables if parked by a closed business or unoccupied residence	Possible burglary or theft in progress
Abandoned vehicle parked in your neighborhood	Possible stolen car
Vehicle containing weapons	Owner or driver may engage in criminal activity
Someone being forced into a vehicle, especially females or juveniles	Possible kidnapping, assault, attempted rape, or molesting a child
Vehicle in which business transaction is being conducted, especially near schools or parks	Possibly selling stolen items or drugs
Forcibly entering, or attempting to enter, locked vehicle, especially in a parking lot	Possible theft of a car or its contents
Persons detaching mechanical parts or accessories from a vehicle	Possible theft or vandalism
Objects thrown from a vehicle	Possible disposal of objects or evidence of a criminal act
An accumulation of large amounts of items or items in good condition but not in use stored in homes, garages, or storage units	Possible stolen property
Property in vehicles such as TV sets, weapons, auto parts, computers or stereo equipment, especially if observed at an unusual hour	Possible stolen property