

## Burglars are Probably Using Smart Phones

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As most of you are probably aware, you can get free apps on your smart phone to monitor all police dispatcher's calls anywhere in the United States, including the Houston Police Department. Burglars can now listen while burglarizing homes, and businesses, and listen to hear the police being dispatched to the scene, enabling the criminals to leave the scene before the police arrive.

Technology has changed to the extent that it can be used effectively in criminal activities. The answer to resolving this issue, from a law enforcement perspective, is to use surveillance cameras in real time to see burglars in action prior to them entering a residence, or business. Surveillance cameras in high crime neighborhoods, being monitored by law enforcement dispatchers can reduce the incidents of burglaries by sending officers and deputies to the scene where suspicious people are and investigate them before they can complete their mission.

HPD has surveillance cameras downtown now. If only they were in high crime neighborhoods, criminals would have a hard time doing their thing. I know, it's all about money. However, money can be raised with a combination of grants, monies from business owners, neighborhood home owners' associations, and other sources; you just have to have the vision to do so, and make it happen. When I'm elected Constable of Precinct 7 in 2012, I promise you this, I will fight vigorously to have surveillance cameras in neighborhoods in Precinct 7, and hopefully, this idea will spread to other jurisdictions. After all, criminals are mobile.

Harris County and Houston are nothing like London where surveillance cameras are prevalent. Our landscape is totally different, and the cameras here would be more effective in apprehending and deterring burglars to retreat to where surveillance cameras doesn't exist. We must think outside the box, much like what criminals are doing now. Law enforcement can no longer utilize methods used 20 years ago. We must be ever vigilant in the pursuit of those who seek to destroy your peace of mind by breaking into your castles, and stealing your privacy, and properties. I live and breathe thinking of ways to protect the public's right to live unimpeded by the illegal intrusion by the freaks in society who freely choose to pursue a life of crime, and not pursue educational endeavors to buy their own homes and flat screen TV's.

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I've designed some public safety posters to hopefully be put out in the public and schools, much like the signs for purchasing alcohol, hoping they will changed some of the minds of young men and women before committing crimes. Go to [www.spiveyforconstablepct7.com](http://www.spiveyforconstablepct7.com) to check them out.

### **PET PEEVE OF THE WEEK:**

**So-called advertisements on TV offering specials, but with conditions too small to read, and staying on the screen long enough to be read.{jcomments on}**