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Dear Sirs and Madams:

**Re: Frankel, Kirkendall Neighbourhood  
Criminal Activity**

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Further to my letter of July 9, in the early hours of July 12, an individual was observed by security camera attempting to enter three (3) of our motor vehicles, two of which were parked in the driveway and one in front of the home on the street, as well as attempting to enter the vehicles of my neighbour, parked in his driveway adjacent to my property. The perpetrator was checking the door handles in a

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fashion which would appear to suggest he was checking vehicles for unlocked doors. He carried a knapsack and continued down the street. As indicated in my previous correspondence, the heightened criminal activity in our neighbourhood is appalling and some enforcement measures must be taken in an attempt to stop this criminal activity.

In addition to the above, I failed to mention in my previous correspondence, that another neighbour immediately across the street from my home was broken into, in daylight hours at approximately 1:30 p.m. in the past year and the house was ransacked and electrical equipment, including stereos, CD Players, computers, etc. were stolen from the home. Fortunately, my neighbours and their two young children were not at home at the time of this break in. In addition, approximately three (3) days ago, another neighbour on my side of the street, three (3) doors down just informed me that his road bike was stolen. It was locked on the rear wheel and locked to the banister of the front porch of his home. The perpetrators cut the lock to the front of the porch but could not disassemble the rear lock and carried the bike away! Another neighbour whose bike was stolen last year actually observed the perpetrator and followed him to a group home located on Herkimer some two (2) blocks from our neighbourhood. He observed the perpetrators identity and watched him throw the bike into the bushes on the property and enter the home. My neighbour had contacted the police and a full investigation is under way. Unfortunately the perpetrator disposed of the bike and I believe that investigation and possible arrests are ongoing. I cannot help but think that this escalation in crime on our block may very well be as a result of the occupants of that residence and would hope that we will hear from the police department after a thorough investigation. **When my car was broken into in the past year, the perpetrators had stolen a brand new ski jacket which is easily identifiable and is not sold by any retailer in this province.** As a result of the current police investigation, I would ask that they please contact me directly so that I can refer them to the police report and description of the goods which may very well be in possession of the occupants in the group home on Herkimer.

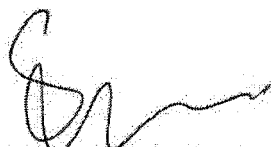
In the eighteen (18) years that I have owned my current property and resided on Homewood Avenue, we have never observed this type of repeated criminal activity. I speak for many of the neighbours, working members of this community from all cross sections, lawyers, doctors, retired professors, realtors etc.

We are interested to hear back from the appropriate authorities once a determination is made as to the measures which will be implemented to address these concerns. I think it is fair to say that given that the City is on notice of this problem in our neighbourhood, in my view, a liability exposure should be of concern to the City in the event of subsequent loss to property owners. In addition to these problems, are the very serious concerns that I personally have as it relates to the safety of my children. My two young adults are home for the summer from

University and often keep later hours. We are of course concerned that they may return home early one morning to be confronted by these criminals in our driveway or on our front porch (as observed most recently on a security camera), and fear for their safety.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Frankel', with a stylized flourish at the end.

STEPHAN M. FRANKEL  
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