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Dear Hawkers

## **CRIME PREVENTION ADVISORY – THEFT AT TIONG BAHRU MARKET HAWKER CENTRE**

In March 2010, there were several cases of theft reported at Tiong Bahru Market. The items stolen were usually petty cash kept inside the stalls.

### ***Common Modus Operandi***

2 The culprit is believed to have stolen items by tampering with the metal grilles above the stalls meant for air ventilation. Based on records, the crimes were committed during the early hours in the morning.

3 Police has enhanced patrols and operations in the vicinity. You can help to reduce the incidence of such cases by adopting the following crime prevention measures:

- a Do not keep a large sum of money or valuables overnight inside the stalls;
- b Always secure your stalls with good quality locks. Secure and cover any openings within the stalls; especially the top opening of the stalls;
- c Supplement physical protection of your stalls with a burglar alarm system that is regularly maintained to ensure that it is in good working condition; and
- d If possible, install a CCTV system within the premises. The surveillance cameras should be highly visible for deterrence and positioned to cover risk area in the premises.

4 If you have any information in helping us to solve any of the cases or wish to report suspicious person(s) loitering around the vicinity, please contact **Bt Merah East Neighbourhood Police Centre** at **1800 – 2369999** or dial **999** if urgent Police assistance is required.

Yours Faithfully,



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**CRIME PREVENTION – A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY**

