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An old visitors bureau sign marking the site of the Tennent Art Foundation Gallery is hidden behind thick over-grown trees, a perfect spot for criminal activity.

"Yeah there's a lot of foliage that cover -- it's dark --it's kind of secluded," described Elaine Haakenson.

Secluded and littered with sex-related trash.

"I have seen condoms laying on the ground in the street," she recalled.

"Yeah I see many, many, many used condoms," added Reneta Prisztoka.

The gallery's curator says criminal activity has gone on for years.

"You know if they drive into the parking lot that doesn't mean they're going to come into the gallery," explained Elaine Tennent.

"I can tell from what is left over there what's going on."

That includes drug deals and prostitution.

"My husband used to go after them and have a big flashlight you know and when they saw him coming they'd beat it," said Tennent.

But they always come back like they did last Thursday. Witnesses say just hours after police completed their attempted murder investigation several cars returned and left behind more trash.

"I take my grandkids over there with the dogs and they --- there's like condoms on the ground, and three-year-olds going to pick it up he thinks it's a balloon," said Barbara Jacobsen.

She has seen it all.

"People just throw out tires, underwear and pants and you're going how did they go home without their pants."

Illegal activity doesn't stop there.

"Our next door neighbors to us they had a --- right before we moved in ---

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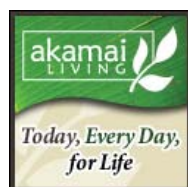
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they had like a home invasion while they were home and they got attacked," said Pila Sunderland.

Jacobsen said her son has had five cars stolen.

"I know my son has slept in his van all night long waiting for someone to break into."

"In front of the art foundation and then along side this other road all the way to the park you always see just cars parked and stuff. I can only assume they're up to no good," said Sunderland.

Police say they'll continue to patrol the area and urge residents to stay involved.

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