

Thief Enters NW Home Of Watergate Lawyer

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The home of Jill Volner, an assistant special Watergate prosecutor, was burglarized Tuesday and a number of canceled checks, a key to a safe deposit box and some clothing was taken, D.C. police reported yesterday.

Mrs. Volner, 30, who led recent questioning of President Nixon's personal secretary, Rose Mary Woods, about White House tapes in U.S. District Court here, told police her home at 2320 20th St. NW was broken into sometime between 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

She and her husband, Ian, also a lawyer, were away during that time and the house was empty, she said.

John Barker, a spokesman for the special prosecutor's office, said the incident is "still considered a personal matter" being handled by

Washington police and is "not under investigation by our office."

Police reported that four small cardboard boxes of canceled checks were taken from the Volner home, but Barker said only one of the four was taken. All four boxes were unmarked and fastened with masking tape, he said.

Police would not speculate why either the checks or the key were taken. They said the key fits a safe deposit box in a New York bank.

Mrs. Volner, a 1968 graduate of the Columbia University law school in New York, was appointed to the special prosecutor's office last July. She had worked in the organized crime and management and labor sections of the Justice Department before her appointment.



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Prosecutors Jill Volner, Richard Ben-Veniste at court.