Facts about Vehicle Burglaries

- Vehicle burglary is one of the most common crimes, usually occurring at night.
- Vehicle burglaries are crimes of "opportunity". Take away the opportunity for a burglar to get into your vehicle or leave nothing to steal in your vehicle.
- Vehicle burglaries can lead to Identity Theft.

Most vehicle burglaries happen to vehicles that are left unsecured.

Since fingerprints and other evidence are harder to obtain due to the nature of the interior surfaces, please do not touch car unnecessarily.

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Vehicle Burglary Report Card

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Could Your Vehicle Pass the Test?

Vehicle Burglaries can be prevented!!

How does your vehicle score?

- Do you always remove the keys?
- Do you always lock the doors and close the windows?
- Do you remove all personal items such as cell phones, cash, laptops, weapons, mail, etc...from plain view?
- Do you have and use audible alarm system?
- Do you always remove your portable devices (GPS, DVD players)?
- Do you remove or hide the garage door opener?
- Do you keep belongings that need to be left in the vehicle in the trunk out of plain view?

If you answered YES to all of these questions – **YOUR VEHICLE PASSED THE TEST WITH AN A+!**

If you answered even one question with a NO – **YOUR VEICLE IS AN EASY TARGET FOR VEHICLE BURGLARS!**

Be Aware of Burglary Methods and Locations

- **Entry Methods:**
  - * Break Glass
  - * Left Unlocked
  - * Pried/Jimmied
  - * Windows left down/cracked
  - * Window vents
  - * Sliding Windows
  - * Sunroofs
  - * Convertibles
- **Suspicious Activities**
  - * Pulling on door handles
  - * Looking in windows
  - * Wearing odd clothing for the season
  - * People watching cars and pedestrians (look outs)
  - * People acting Nervous or out of place for the area.
  - * People checking for alarms by bumping the vehicles or hitting windows checking for sensitivity.
- **High Risk Areas**
  - * Movie Theaters
  - * Shopping Malls/Centers
  - * Bars and Nightclubs
  - * Auto repair/dealers/parts shops
  - * Restaurants
  - * Apartment Complexes
  - * Single family residences

To report a crime in progress – 911

To report suspicious activities – 843-524-2777

If you have any questions about crime prevention or criminal activity in your area please call 843-322-7900 and ask to speak with the Community Project Sergeant, CPS

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