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### Neighborhood Watch Information

Subject: Theft Prevention  
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As we discuss in your Neighborhood Watch meetings, our Patrol Division is very proactive in preventing crimes and therefore heavily patrol our Neighborhoods during late night and early morning hours. I have been told several times recently that Deputies have seen numerous unlocked automobiles, many with valuables in plain view, and open garage doors while checking the Neighborhoods. This will allow thieves to enter you're your vehicle AND your garage to relieve you of property. These unlocked car doors and open garage doors are not just being found in the late night / early morning hours, but during the day while the occupants are gone to work or shopping. Items usually stolen when cars are entered into included laptop computers, GPS systems, and wallets or purses which contain credit cards, gift cards and different forms of identification. The items that are stolen are things that the thieves can generally sell easily, and as we all know, stolen wallets often lead to identity theft and fraud. It can take months, even years, to clean up your identity and credit after being the victim of identity theft.

Please remember to secure your vehicle, even if it parked in your driveway. Remove any valuables, including laptops, GPS units, wallets etc. from your vehicle and bring them inside your home or lock them in your trunk where they are not visible from the outside.

Please keep your garage doors down even during daylight hours. An open garage is simply an invitation for a thief to steal items within your garage. Keep a porch light on during hours of darkness or ideally install lighting with motion sensors.

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Thank You

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