

Stealing from Motor Vehicles

Thefts involving motor vehicles, either parked in the driveway or close to the residence, are on the rise. In addition, the vast majority of these thefts involve an **unlocked** vehicle. Thieves would much rather gain access to **your** vehicle without being forced to damage it. Having to actually "break in" creates a far greater risk of being caught due to the associated noise and time it takes to successfully gain entry. The timeframe of these thefts have ranged from late at night to the morning hours. In one instance, two entire vehicles were stolen from the same driveway, on the same occasion, as they were warming up and the owner went back inside, leaving them unlocked and running.

So remember... thieves know that they will eventually come across an unlocked car or truck that is parked in your neighborhood, so don't make it easy on them. **ALWAYS LOCK YOUR VEHICLES.**

This simple deterrent will greatly reduce the chance of a thief even considering your vehicle as a target.

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