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News Release

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Classification : Vehicle Theft Increase

Incident Date :

In the past few weeks, there has been a rise in vehicle thefts in the Lost Hills Station area. Community members are urged to lock their vehicles and be vigilant for any suspicious activity. Please use the following safety tips in order to reduce your chance of being a victim of auto theft:

- Never leave your car running unattended, even to dash into a business, store, etc.
- Never leave any keys in the car or ignition, inside a locked garage, or in hide-a-key boxes.
- Always roll up your windows and lock the car, even if it is parked in front of your home or in your driveway.
- Never leave valuables in plain view, even if your car is locked. Put them in the trunk out of sight.
- Always park in high-traffic, well-lighted areas when possible.
- Install a mechanical device that locks the steering wheel column, or brakes. These devices will deter some criminals.
- Investigate the purchase of a vehicle theft tracking/security system.
- Never leave personal identification documents, vehicle ownership title, or credit cards in your vehicle.
- If you must leave your key with a valet, parking attendant, or mechanic, leave only the ignition key. Make sure you are dealing with a reputable firm.
- Copy your license plate and vehicle identification (VIN) numbers on a card and keep them with you. If your vehicle is stolen, the police will need this information to take a report.
- Many vehicles today come with some type of security system from the factory. Normally there are upgraded systems available if you ask. The best choice are systems that shut off the fuel supply so that a car can't be started or driven.
- If your vehicle is stolen, report it to the Sheriff's Department immediately.

If you suspect a crime is in progress, call 9-1-1 immediately.

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