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Recent Vehicle Burglaries

Lindenhurst, Illinois – The Lindenhurst Police Department wants to remind everyone to keep their vehicles locked, and valuables out of sight.

Car burglaries are difficult cases to solve, since burglars usually leave very little physical evidence behind after a car burglary has occurred. It takes less than a minute to enter an unlocked vehicle and remove items left inside. Often there are no witnesses to these offenses because of the ease and speed. The crimes usually occur on residential streets and driveways at night, when it is less likely the thieves will be seen.

On August 14, 2019, the Lindenhurst Police Department responded to 3 reports of vehicles that had been unlawfully entered overnight in the 600 block of Deerpath Drive and 500 block of Sparrow Ct; in a few instances, items were stolen. All of the vehicles had been left unlocked prior to the unlawful entry.

A person of interest has been identified regarding these recent incidents. The subject is described as a male black with long dreadlock style hair wearing a hooded sweatshirt, backwards baseball cap, basketball style shorts, high tops and a drawstring sports style backpack. If you have information that may lead to the identification and apprehension of the offender in these incidents, please call the Lindenhurst Police Department at 847-356-5400.

In order to help reduce the risk of becoming a victim of a car burglary, we have provided some easy tips to follow:

1. Remove valuables from your vehicle, including purses, wallets, cellular phones, laptop computers, briefcases, and loose change. A car burglar loves to see items that can be grabbed easily and carried away without much effort.
2. Residents are asked to immediately notify police of suspicious people and activity. You can even call and remain anonymous.
3. Activate your car alarm.
4. Park in well-lit areas. While parking in an isolated spot may reduce the risk of door dings, a criminal looks for cars parked out of the way to help ensure less attention is drawn to them.
5. ALWAYS close your windows and lock your car doors, even while parked in your driveway. An open window or unlocked door is an invitation to a criminal.

Intent, opportunity, and action are elements of a crime. If we can eliminate the opportunity, then together, we might be able to stop the crime.

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