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Recent Vehicle Burglaries Near Lindenhurst

Lindenhurst, Illinois – Due to the increase of criminal activity in the area, the Lindenhurst Police Department wants to remind residents to keep their vehicles locked and valuables out of sight.

In the early morning hours (between 3:00am-4:00am) of October 12, 2021, the Antioch Police Department investigated numerous burglary to auto incidents where multiple offenders were observed illegally entering unlocked vehicles and stealing valuables from inside the vehicles.

Additionally, the Antioch Police Department is investigating three (3) stolen autos where these same offenders entered unlocked vehicles, retrieved the vehicles keys from the vehicles, and took the vehicles without consent.

This criminal activity took place in the Clublands subdivision, near Savage Rd, just north of the Lindenhurst border. Again, all of the vehicles had been left unlocked prior to the unlawful entry.

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.

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

DO NOT leave your keys in your vehicle. Thieves are taking vehicles left in open or unsecured garages.

ALWAYS close your windows, sun roofs and lock your car doors. An open window or unlocked door is an invitation to a criminal.

ACTIVATE your car alarm.

PARK in well-lit areas. Turn on outside lighting.

REMOVE loose valuables from your vehicle, including purses, wallets, cellular phones, laptop computers, and briefcases. A car burglar loves to see items that can be grabbed easily and carried away without much effort. They may even break a window to retrieve these items. If it is not feasible to take larger articles with you, lock your valuables in the trunk or glove box PRIOR to arriving at your destination; often the burglars are in the area watching you “hide” your valuables.

TAKE loose garage door openers with you. These openers, combined with your vehicle registration documentation, facilitates breaking into your garage and/or home at a later time.

REPORT suspicious persons seen wandering around in parking lots or looking into cars. You can even call and remain anonymous.

SCAN the surrounding area before entering your vehicle. Be aware of your surroundings, and check the interior of your vehicle.

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. Call the Lindenhurst Police Department immediately to report suspicious activity.

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