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POLICE WARN OF INCREASED OCCURENCES OF VEHICLE BREAK-INS

FAIRBANKS, Alaska

Citizens have reported 51 separate occurrences of thefts from vehicles over the past 30 days. This is a noticeable increase in this type of crime, which has been a significant problem in the past year.

Typically, the thefts are of items taken from cars that are not locked, but thieves will break into cars if items of value are left in sight. Many of the recent thefts are targeted at purses and wallets; the thieves are then using credit/debit/checks to fraudulently access the victim's bank account.

Items that have been stolen include firearms, MP3 players, wallets, purses, cash, sunglasses, jewelry, prescription medications, credit/debit cards, checkbooks, gift cards, keys, vehicle titles, knives, hunting and camping equipment, golf equipment, shoes, speakers, headphones, game consoles (xbox/playstations etc.), movies, and a safe.

Advice to prevent vehicle break-ins includes:

1. Lock your vehicle - several citizens have reported believing that they had locked their cars using their key fobs to later discover the electronic key did not secure the locks.
2. Remove any valuables from the car. Even if you conceal valuables, those items are still at risk of being stolen.

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