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WHAT MESSAGE DO VALUABLES LEFT IN YOUR CAR SEND? TAKE ME!



It is that time of year again...time for an increase in auto prowls. At the District Attorney's Office, we have already seen a rash of cases involving thieves breaking into cars and stealing items of value. The bad news is it takes just seconds for a thief to break into a car and grab any items that are inside. The good news is it takes just seconds for

you to prevent such a crime from happening. Don't leave items of value in your car. It sounds simple, and it is simple.

Car break-ins can happen anytime and anywhere. Thinking that your valuables are safe in your car, when you run into a store or business for 'just a minute' or when you park in a busy parking lot, can be a costly mistake. When thieves roam parking areas, they look for easy targets: vehicles that contain something of value they can steal, pawn and profit from. If a thief doesn't see anything of value in your car and/or doesn't think that there is anything worth stealing out of your car, the thief will likely move on to another target.

Take your items with you when you leave your car unattended. Remember, there is no place in your car where you can hide something where a thief hasn't already thought to look (under the passenger seat, above the visor, in the glove box, in the back seat under a coat, in the trunk, etc). The hassle of carrying your purse/wallet, your iPod or your laptop is a lot less than the hassle of getting your broken car window repaired or your stolen items replaced.

Contact your local police agency if you think you are a victim of a crime.
To contact the Weld County District Attorney's Office, call (970) 356-4010 ext. 4702.
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