

## **BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT**

200 North Third Street, Burbank, CA 91502



DATE: September 17, 2013

## UPTICK IN THEFTS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES

Recently, there were eight (8) reported auto burglaries of vehicles parked at six (6) different places of worship in the city. While services were taking place, the suspect(s) smashed windows of the vehicles and removed property.

In the past week, seven vehicles from four separate businesses had their batteries stolen. The thefts occurred after-hours during the weekend when the businesses were closed.

The Burbank Police Department would like to remind everyone to secure their property and provide the following prevention tips:

- Park in well-lit areas while visiting malls, shopping centers, and places of worship.
- Lock all doors and windows, even while in your own driveway or carport.
- Be aware of your surroundings while going to and leaving your vehicle.
- Make eye contact with those around you and your vehicle.
- Do not leave valuables (backpacks, computer bags, packages, GPS systems in plain sight inside your vehicle. Secure them in the trunk or covered area.
- If you see someone suspicious, looking into vehicles, call your local police department.
- If you observe a crime, be a good witness, and obtain a description of the suspect (s) and suspect vehicle including the license plate.
- Remember, "Lock It, Hide It, Keep It."

## QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS STATEMENT MAY BE DIRECTED TO SERGEANT DARIN RYBURN, @ 818-238-3240

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