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COMMUNITY BULLETIN

AUTO THEFT PREVENTION TIPS

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Auto theft continues to be a significant crime issue in the City of Burbank. Recently, there's been an increase in the number of auto thefts as a result of victims leaving their vehicles running unattended, sometimes with the key still in the ignition or inside the vehicle. These are crimes of opportunity and only take seconds to commit.

The Burbank Police Department would like to remind residents and visitors to Burbank that crimes of opportunity exist because criminals identify targets which offer high reward, with little to no resistance. The easiest way to prevent becoming a victim is to never leave your keys or valuables inside your vehicle.

The Burbank Police Department urges citizens to be aware of these circumstances and is encouraging owners to park their vehicles in well-lit areas or inside of a garage. Always lock your vehicle and remove all valuable property from inside. When parking or returning to your vehicle, be aware of your surroundings.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, there has been an increase in curbside type service, where vehicles are left running while drivers pick-up or drop-off orders, leaving their vehicles unoccupied, unlocked and vulnerable to theft. Please take the time to properly secure your vehicle and always retain possession of your key.

If you see any suspicious activity or people tampering with vehicles, please report your observations to the Burbank Police. If you see a suspicious person near your vehicle, press the panic button to activate the alarm. Do not approach your vehicle and call the police.

LOCK IT - HIDE IT - KEEP IT

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