

NOTICE FROM PUBLIC SAFETY, CHIEF OF POLICE

Good morning everyone,

Since the first of the year we have had several vehicle burglaries in town. The majority of them happened in two nights. This is a phenomenon that the entire county has been suffering and is not isolated to the Town of Knightdale. We are working with the other police agencies so we can stop this trend.

I am now asking for your help in the prevention of these crimes. These crimes are all similar in the way they are committed and what was taken.

The following is a list of the MO of the suspects.

1. In every "break in" the vehicles were left *unlocked*.
2. All of the items stolen were in "*plain view*". These items were left in the passenger area of the vehicle. Things such as GPS units, pocketbooks, golf clubs, computers, and spare change were taken. The suspects never went into the trunks or broke a window to get in.
3. We believe there are multiple suspects. From our investigative efforts it appears that there are three or more suspects who are dropped off in the neighborhood, commit their crime, and then get picked up again.
4. Based on the investigative efforts it appears these are experienced thieves, not first time offenders.
5. All of these break ins happen after 12 midnight.

We have no reason to believe that these suspects are "dangerous or violent."

I ask everyone to please follow these preventative efforts;

1. **Lock you car.** This is the #1 preventative effort everyone can do.
2. **Keep all valuables out of view.** Leaving items in view allows the criminals the opportunity to commit the crimes.
3. **Keep you garage doors closed overnight.** There have been no thefts from the homes at this time but I want to prevent this from happening.
4. **Do not leave valuables in front of your house overnight.** Bikes, sports equipment etc.
5. Use or have **motion spot lights** installed for your driveway or parking area.
6. **Report any suspicious vehicles, people, or noises.** We need the community to be our "eyes and ears". We have limited resources to patrol every neighborhood in Knightdale and need all the help we can get. Don't wait for a problem to get "big". Let us know about a problem when it is small. It is much easier to address small problems than one that has been happening for months.

Please forward this to your neighbors to get the word out. We have increased our efforts by aggressively patrolling the neighborhoods and shifting our resources in an attempt to prevent this or catch who is doing it.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me.

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