

DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Last weekend the Denver Police Department investigated 35 vehicle break-ins. We strongly believe these break-ins to be crimes of opportunity, due to the fact that the items of value were left within plain sight while these vehicles were left unattended. These numbers are difficult to compare to last year's because most people do not report thefts from motor vehicles soon after the event. The Denver Police Department found that 51.4% of these break-ins occurred while the vehicles were parked on the street. 45.7% occurred while parked in a parking lot, and one occurrence while parked at a residence. When parking your vehicle, whether it is inside a parking structure or on the street, always remember to lock your vehicle. Never leave your vehicle with the keys inside. Make attempts to park your vehicle in well-lit and populated areas, especially in the late evening hours as 60% of last weekend's thefts occurred between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m.

The Denver Police Department compiled a list of the top six items taken from vehicles during this crime. This list is a reminder to everyone. When you leave your vehicle for any length of time, be aware of items of value that may be visible to someone who is passing by.

- * GPS Units
- * Purses
- * Drivers Licenses
- * Cell Phones
- * Ipod/MP3 Players
- * Credit Cards

Remember; don't leave items of value visible in your vehicle. Following these preventive steps may decrease your chances of becoming a victim of Theft from Motor Vehicle.

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