

Automobile Burglary Spree in the McKee Road Area

We are currently experiencing a spree of Larcenies from Autos (LFA) in the McKee Road area.

On Friday night January 29th between 1:00 A.M. and 5:00 A.M., 6 cars were burglarized in the Willowmere Neighborhood. Forced entry was not reported in any of these cases. Ipods, wallets, sunglasses, GPS units, and radar detectors were taken from the victims cars.

On Sunday night January 31st between 12:00 A.M. and 7:00 A.M., 2 cars were burglarized in the Providence Arbors Neighborhood. 1 car was burglarized in the Providence Glen Neighborhood. 1 car was burglarized in the Providence Plantation Neighborhood and 1 car was burglarized in the South Hall Neighborhood. Again, forced entry was not reported in any of these cases. Items taken were GPS units, a cell phone and wallets.

We are asking residents in this area to take the following steps to prevent further car burglaries

- Remove all valuables from your vehicle(s) overnight
- Secure your vehicle(s)
- Report suspicious vehicles and persons between 12:00 A.M. and 7:00 A.M. The suspect(s) will most likely be teenage or early 20 year old male(s).

In addition, we are asking parents to be on the look out for personal electronic items that were recently acquired secondhand by your children from acquaintances or unknown sources. Your son or daughter's used ipod could very well be from a burglarized car. If you suspect this, call the South Division office and we will be glad to check the item against our list of recently stolen items. (704) 544-4835 between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

The good news is that the South Division experienced a 35% decrease in Larcenies from Auto for the month of January as compared to January 2009 We had 126 incidents in January 2010 as opposed to 196 incidents in January 2009. Unfortunately, the Arboretum Response Area experienced a 30% increase in Larcenies from Auto for the same period. We had 26 incidents in January 2010 as opposed to 20 incidents in January 2009. One of our goals for the Arboretum Response Area for first quarter 2010 is to have a 10% reduction in Larcenies from Auto. To achieve this, we can have no more than 54 incidents. Needless to say, we are going to be extremely challenged to meet this goal with two months to go in the quarter. Your cooperation in implementing the previously mentioned preventive measure is absolutely essential to achieving this goal.

In closing, you should expect to see an increase in police presence in the McKee Road area until the suspect(s) are apprehended or we are confident that they have moved to another area.

As always, thanks for your continued support.

Best regards,

Captain Roderick Golding

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