Car Break-Ins

The Dane County Sheriff's Office has been investigating a rash of thefts from vehicles in the last several weeks.

The Sheriff's Office is urging citizens to lock their vehicles and remove any valuables. Theft is a <u>preventable crime of opportunity</u> that can happen in just moments. Following these simple steps can prevent you from becoming a victim.

- 1. Check vehicles to ensure you have removed all valuables.
- 2. Lock your car doors, and ensure your garage door is secured.
- 3. Walk around the inside of your home and lock/secure all doors and windows.
- 4. Turn ON outside lights.
- 5. Report any suspicious activity to law enforcement.

While sharing information on social media can be valuable, the Sheriff's Office is urging residents to report any information to your local Law Enforcement first. When reporting a crime please include as much information as possible to include location, description of subject, direction of travel, and if any potential security camera footage is available.

How to Report;

Non-Emergency: (608) 255-2345

Emergency: 911

Please email Deputy Zach Barton at <u>barton.zachary@danesheriff.com</u> or call my work cell phone at (608) 212-8742 with any questions.