

Tips from the Fifth District

Dayton Northwest Weed and Seed Target Area

Vehicle Theft Prevention Tips

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FLASH: MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT IN THE DAYTON NORTHWEST WEED AND SEED TARGET AREA IS UP IN 2008 BY 20% AFTER A REDUCTION IN 2006 OF 26% AND A WHOPPING 42% IN 2007.

HOW CAN WE TURN THINGS AROUND IN 2009?

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

1. Make sure car door are locked and windows are completely rolled up.
2. Do not leave valuables in cars. In fact, try not to leave any items in cars. Sometimes thieves will break into a car to take a gym bag left on a rear seat. There may be nothing valuable in the gym bag...but the thief assumes there is.
3. Pay attention to "indicators" that there may be valuable items hidden in your car. Thieves may know to look for GPS mounting devices on the dash/windshield.
4. Club type steering wheel locks are effective theft prevention tools. But they must be used. They won't stop a car thief if they are lying on the floorboard.
5. The most commonly stolen cars in this area tend to be GM vehicles (usually 10-20 year old models).
6. When going out, park in well-lit parking areas or attended parking areas. Dark parking lots, alleys and side streets attract thieves and other criminals.

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