



News Release

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The Hanover County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating a series of larcenies from vehicles in several Mechanicsville neighborhoods.

Over the past two nights, the Sheriff's Office has been investigating a series of larcenies from vehicles that have occurred in three different subdivisions in the Mechanicsville area. Thus far, a total of sixteen vehicles have been affected, which have been parked in the driveways of private residences in the Bluffs at Bell Creek, Windsor, and Summer Walk subdivisions. To date, fourteen vehicles have had items stolen from them, all of which have been unlocked. There have been a variety of items stolen, which include the following: a DVD player, a GPS navigation unit, satellite radios, iPods, portable video game systems, multiple video games, U.S. currency, and multiple DVDs and CDs.

Although this is a crime that is not an uncommon occurrence, the Sheriff's Office would like to take the opportunity to remind the community of several valuable crime prevention tips that will discourage this sort of criminal activity from occurring in their neighborhood, which are as follows:

- Keep your vehicles LOCKED at all times.
- Be vigilant in reporting ANY suspicious activity, no matter how insignificant it may seem, in a timely manner. The more information that can be gathered, the better (i.e., license plates, physical descriptions, etc.).
- DO NOT store any valuables inside your vehicle. If you cannot avoid this, store them in your trunk or otherwise out of sight and have a detailed description of all items, including model and serial numbers.
- Keep your outside lights on or use motion lights in order to keep the area around your vehicle and home well lit.
- Stay involved in your neighborhood association and/or Neighborhood Watch program. If your neighborhood does not currently have a Neighborhood Watch, the Sheriff's Office can assist you in establishing a program.

The Sheriff's Office continues to investigate all possible leads in this case and will work closely with the community to bring this investigation to a successful conclusion. Anyone with information on these incidents should contact Crime Stoppers at 780-1000 or the Hanover Sheriff's Office at 365-6140.

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