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RCMP Remind Residents to Lock Their Vehicles

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Since May 1st, 2013, the Wetaskiwin RCMP has received 60 complaints from residents alleging theft from their vehicles. Vehicles in various areas of the city have been entered and items such as GPS's, iPad's, iPod's, CD's, cigarettes, loose change, vehicle documents and other valuables are being taken.

Below are some tips that can help prevent residents from becoming a victim:

1) Lock your vehicle doors! It is common sense, however many thefts happen to unlocked vehicles. The goal is to make your vehicle less desirable than others, and a locked door is a simple deterrent.

Leaving your vehicle unsecured could leave you at risk of becoming a target of property crime. This property crime could escalate to break and enters into your residence considering that most vehicles contain important information such as your name and home address or garage door openers.

2) Never leave your vehicle running and unattended. Always take your keys with you, otherwise, you are inviting thieves to drive off with your vehicle.

3) Don't store valuables (sunglasses, loose change) or expensive electronic devices (iPods, satellite radios) in plain sight. It's best to take these items with you.

The RCMP is asking residents to report any suspicious vehicles, persons or activities observed in their neighborhood by contacting the Wetaskiwin RCMP at 780-312-7267.

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Theft of Various Items

File Numbers: 2013-761500 & 2013-761644

Between June 10th and June 19th, 2013, several items were taken from a vehicle and holiday trailer parked at a residence on 52 Street and 52 Avenue. Unknown suspects made off with the following items: a portable Garmin 640 NUVI GPS unit, satellite radio, a red Honda Generator 2000, a fishing box with various tackle, and equipment and a fly fishing rod.

Theft of ATV

File Number: 2013-760310

The Wetaskiwin RCMP is investigating a break and enter to the garage of a residence located in the area of 45 street and 46 Avenue. In the early morning hours of June 24th, 2013, unknown suspects stole a 2009 red Polaris Sportsman 850 XP 4x4 with serial # 4XAZN8XA19A756179 from the garage of this residence.

Police continue to investigate these incidents and are asking anyone who has information to call the Wetaskiwin RCMP at 780-312-7267.

If you have information regarding this or any other unsolved crime, and wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or log on to www.tipsubmit.com. If your information leads to an arrest of a suspect, recovery of stolen property or seizure of illegal drugs, you may qualify for a cash reward.

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