

# Police Advisory

2nd Precinct

April 1, 2009

## Facts:

During the week of March 24-30 in the 2nd Precinct, there have been 15 vehicle break-ins. Items taken include tools, a GPS unit, an iPod, cigarettes, laptop, bag, radio, DVD, baseball caps, stereo, cell phone, amplifier, and a speaker box. Most thefts were in the Sheridan, Holland, and Bottineau neighborhoods. However, there have been thefts throughout the 2nd Precinct: north to Waite Park; south to Prospect Park; east to New Brighton Blvd., and west to 2nd St. NE.

## What you can do:

We frequently see an increase in theft from motor vehicles in the spring, and ask you to take these steps to reduce the opportunity for a criminal:

1. Lock your car doors and close your windows.
2. Never leave items visible in your car. Even small items like CD's, sunglasses, and change can be tempting to a thief.
3. If you do leave valuables in your car, place them in the trunk before you reach your destination. This way, a thief does not see you place them in the trunk and leave the vehicle unattended.
4. Park in a garage or a well-lit area.
5. Use portable mounts for add-on stereo equipment or GPS's. When you leave the car, remove the equipment, mounts, and any other signs of the items. This includes the suction ring — indicating that a GPS may be hidden inside the vehicle.
6. Organize your block. The strongest deterrent against crime is neighbors who know each other and call 911 when there is suspicious activity on their block. For more information, call your crime prevention specialist.
7. Call 911 if you see illegal or suspicious activity, such as a person walking down the street and looking in vehicles.

For more information call your crime prevention specialist:

North of Broadway – Carol Oosterhuis, 673-2874

South of Broadway – Nick Juarez, 673-2797

