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## PITTSBURGH BUREAU OF POLICE ADVISES:

### THEFT FROM VEHICLE IS A "CRIME OF OPPORTUNITY"

#### Don't Tempt a Thief By Not Securing Your Valuables

Thieves look for opportunities to steal items from vehicles in large unattended parking lots, parking garages, during concerts/sporting events on secluded streets and at public "Park and Ride" lots. **Don't be a victim!**



Don't leave valuables in plain view in your car. It sounds like "common sense" but when items of value are left in plain view it makes your vehicle an easy target to a thief. Also, be sure to lock your vehicle and secure windows and sunroofs. This will deter thieves from targeting your vehicle.



Storing a firearm in your vehicle is very dangerous. Leaving one in plain view can be deadly! The best advice is **never** leave a firearm in your vehicle.



Park your vehicle in well lit areas for your own safety. If you must leave valuables in your car, secure them out of sight before reaching your destination. If your vehicle is equipped with an anti-theft device, **use it!** It can be a deterrent. A thief looks for the easiest target with the least resistance.

#### **ITEMS MOST COMMONLY STOLEN FROM UNATTENDED VEHICLES**

- Backpacks, gym bags, briefcases and purses/wallets
- Cash/coins, credit cards, checkbooks
- Lap tops, iPads, cellphones, GPS, Garage door openers
- Jewelry, keys, mail (identifies owner/address), firearms



**DON'T BE A VICTIM!**

***"Remove it or lose it!"***

**If you see suspicious activity call 911**  
**Pittsburgh Bureau of Police Anti-Theft Campaign**