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Be Safe, Not Sorry This Summer

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Now that the warmer months have arrived, so have the trespassers and burglars. Businesses and construction sites seem to be the main targets at the moment but that doesn't mean your home won't be. If you own a home and/or a business investing a little time and money in security can make a big difference.

There is a notable increase in burglaries & thefts this spring /summer. Predominately, the target areas have been construction sites where tools and materials were stolen, but homes and vehicles have not gone unaffected. As usual, thieves are picking the easier targets such as, unlocked cars, open garages and businesses with little to no security equipment or personnel in place. Conversely, locations with adequate security systems and/or have hired a professional security service have suffered little to no loss.

Avoid potential problems associated with becoming a victim by taking a few extra moments to remove valuables from vehicles and locking them, closing your garage door(s), turning porch lights on, etc. And equally as important, report suspicious activity to the police. That 'out of place' vehicle driving through your neighborhood may seem a little unusual to you, but to us, it may be the vehicle associated with a known crime and we've been searching for it.

When a community works together, and watches out for each other, potential thieves take note that they're being observed and reported. Obviously, not every unknown person who drives through a neighborhood is a thief, but follow your instincts. If something doesn't seem quite right, then make a call so we can check it out. Be safe, not sorry.

For in-progress crimes, or if you have any doubt about safety, dial 911. If you're sure there is no emergency, then call non-emergency dispatch directly at 720-652-4222.

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