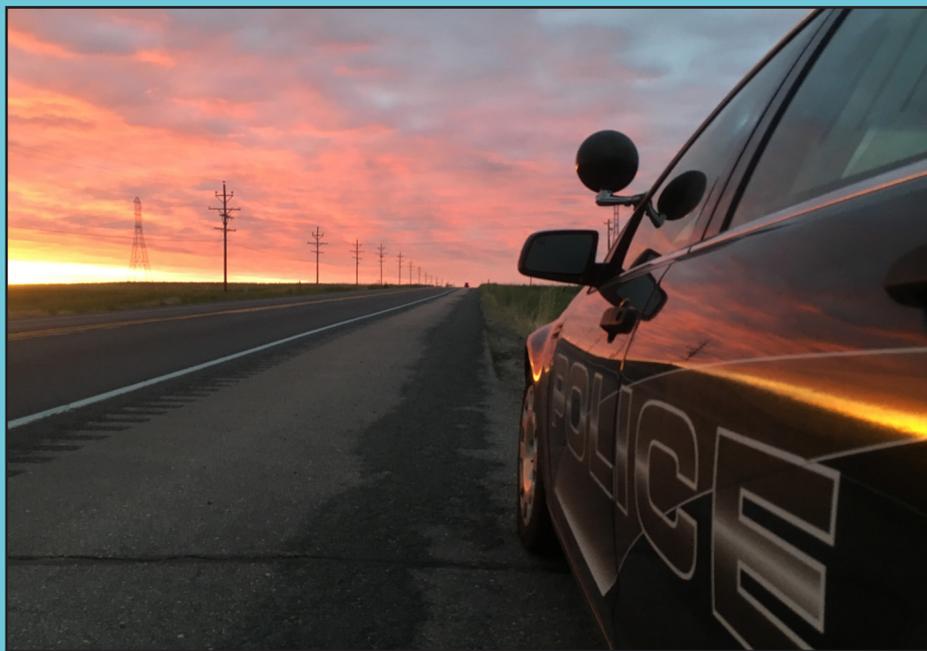


# Detective Corner

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## ***Making Life more difficult for Criminals and Thieves***

As the days get longer and the weather gets warmer, criminals, like many of us, become more active outdoors. Here are a few tips to help protect your property:

- 1) If you park a vehicle outside, make sure to ALWAYS lock your vehicle and DO NOT leave valuables inside. Valuable include: anything with your name on it (ex: mail, work badges, school IDs), garage door openers, spare house keys, tools, money, wallets/purses, etc. If thieves can use it to trade for money or steal your identity then please take it inside.
- 2) DO NOT carry your Social Security card in your wallet/purse. Oftentimes we get reports of people leaving their purses behind or having them stolen. Your SSN is the gateway to your identity. You will rarely need your social security card during every day activities. Leave it locked in a safe place.
- 3) If you leave for vacation, ask Frederick Police for a vacation house watch or make arrangement for your neighbor to look after your home. If you would like us to check on your home while gone then simply come to the PD to complete a form. Otherwise it's best to ask a neighbor you trust to keep an eye out for anyone stopping by. Make sure someone is available to put your trash cans away and collect your mail while out of town. Thieves look for simple clues that someone may gone before making their move.
- 4) If you own a trailer or camper then please make sure to keep some type of hitch lock on it if not attached to a tow vehicle. The harder you make it to steal the less likely it is to get stolen. Thieves don't want to bring attention to themselves by using tools to cut/break things, especially in a residential neighborhood.
- 5) If you have porch lights, then make sure they are turned on at night. Thieves like to operate in the shadows.
- 6) Document serial numbers of small electronics and power tools. An easy way is to take photos. Items stolen in Frederick can be found anywhere - if we can't get them entered via serial number it is likely they won't be recovered if they are located.
- 7) Most importantly - If you see something that is suspicious then please call dispatch at 720-652-4222. If it's an emergency, then dial 9-1-1. We have found neighbors talk frequently about suspicious incidents among themselves and on social media sites but never actually call the police. We don't monitor social media continuously so the best way to let us know about an incident is to call. The sooner you place the call the better chance we have of locating those involved.

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