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Public Service Announcement

Wendell- Since December 2013, we have seen an increase in vehicle break-ins within the Town of Wendell. While it is not unusual to see an increase in break-ins during the holidays, the Wendell Police Department would like to provide helpful information that can help reduce the likelihood of our citizens being victimized.

All of the vehicle break-ins occurred in the late night or early morning hours. They occurred in the areas of Wood Green Drive, Cedarmere Drive, Mattox Street and Haywood Street. In many cases the vehicles were unlocked which allowed the offender(s) to rummage through the vehicle and unlocked compartments in a matter of seconds. Items taken include money/change, electronic devices, such as GPS units, cell phones and laptops, purses/wallets and other valuables.

While there is no sure way to stop a thief from breaking into a vehicle; there are steps a person can take to reduce the likelihood of a vehicle break-in. The most important step is to make sure your vehicle is locked at all times wherever it is parked. In addition, you should always remove or hide any valuable items that might prove tempting to person(s) engaged in criminal conduct. This includes computers, cameras, change in a cup holder or anything else someone might could sell or spend. You should also try to park your vehicle in a well lit area. The fourth and equally important thing you are encouraged to do is to contact law enforcement anytime you see anyone or anything suspicious.

If anyone has any information regarding the recent vehicle break-ins, they are encouraged to call the Wendell Police Department at 919-365-4444 or Crime Stoppers at (919) 366-CRIM.

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