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VEHICLE BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS

Residents can take the following crime prevention measures to decrease their chances of becoming a victim:

- Close all windows, lock all doors and take the keys with you.
- Never hide a second set of keys anywhere on your vehicle.
- Never leave your vehicle unattended with the engine running.
- **Do not leave anything of value inside your vehicle**. This includes your wallet, purse, cell phone, radar detector, laptop computer, removable CD player, CDs, garage door openers, etc.
- Do not leave your social security card or number in your wallet. This number makes it very easy to steal your identity.
- Activate any anti-theft devices you have any time you leave your vehicle, including steering wheel locking devices, alarms, kill switches, etc.
- Do not leave anything of value in the trunk, unless you deactivate the interior trunk release button.
- Park in well-lit areas. Avoid parking next to vans or larger vehicles, which could easily conceal a criminal's presence.
- Don't leave your original registration or the car's title in the vehicle.
- Please report any suspicious persons or incidents to the Longwood Police Department immediately by calling (407) 339-1297.

If your vehicle is burglarized, do not touch or go through the vehicle as any evidence left behind may be contaminated and notify the police as soon as possible. Always dial 911 in an emergency. For non-emergencies, call the Longwood Police Department at (407)339-1297. Be sure to notify the appropriate credit card agencies and banks if credit cards, checks, or bank cards are stolen. If a cell phone is stolen, notify the billing company and have the phone number deactivated.