

WINTERS POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE



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**Title: Assistance Requested to Identify Auto Burglary Suspect**

As previously reported, the City of Winters has been experiencing a rash of thefts from unlocked vehicles and some auto burglaries. Although a small portion of these crimes involved forced entry into the vehicles, the vast majority of thefts occurred from unlocked vehicles. The thefts have occurred throughout town and a variety of items were taken from the vehicles. All appeared to be crimes of opportunity.

A resident provided a screenshot from their home security camera, which captured the image of a suspect who had just committed a theft from his neighbor's unlocked vehicle on January 3, 2018 at 10:22PM. The location is being withheld to protect the source of the screenshot. The Winters Police Department is asking the community's assistance in identifying this suspect. Any information can be sent anonymously to [tips.winters@winterspolice.org](mailto:tips.winters@winterspolice.org) or by calling 530-795-2261.

Until these offenders are caught, the Winters Police Department reminds residents that leaving vehicle unlocked and items visible in your vehicle provides an opportunity for thieves to enter your vehicle and take your possessions with little effort. Always:

- Park in well-lighted area, if possible
- Lock your vehicle always and activate security system
- Never leave valuables, including firearms, in your vehicle
- Secure all items from view. If it can be seen, it can be stolen
- Report any suspicious activity to Winters Police at 530-795-4561 for non-emergency. Call 911 in the event of an emergency.

Always remembering to "REMOVE IT, LOCK IT, OR LOSE IT" reduces your chance of being the next victim.



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