



LARCENY OF VALUABLES

In many cases where property is stolen, it is later discovered that the property is stolen by someone who knows the victim. Sometimes these situations are unavoidable, but other times they can be avoided. To avoid being a victim of a larceny, an individual can do the following activities to help protect themselves:

- Do not allow strangers into your house.
- Avoid allowing contractors or workers in your house unsupervised.
- Secure your valuables like jewelry, money, firearms and electronics in safes and in other secure areas.
- Do not advertise, tell or show people your valuables in person or through social media.
- Record and photograph your property and store that information in a safe place.
- Secure equipment in the garage or storage buildings. Do not leave equipment such as lawn mowers in your open yard or open carport.



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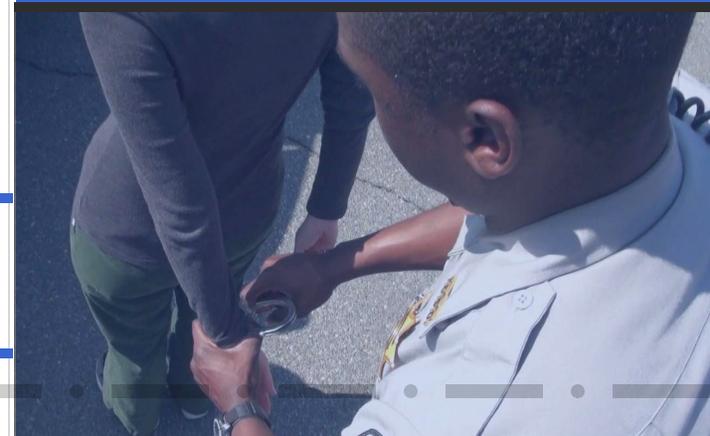


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BURGLARY



THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLES



THEFT OF VEHICLES, ATVs & EQUIPMENT

The crime of Burglary occurs in both residential and commercial environments. In most cases residential burglaries occur mostly during daytime hours, while most commercial burglaries occur at night. Burglaries often occur in a variety of structures to include houses, sheds, barns, businesses, construction sites and storage unit locations. Thieves usually target firearms, jewelry, money, medications, electronics, tools, equipment, and anything of value. Citizens can do several things to better prevent burglaries:

- Always lock your windows, doors and keep garage doors shut.
- Consider getting an alarm system & cameras. Increase outside lighting.
- Fortify your structure: (Replace weak locking mechanisms, hinges, strike plates and reinforce doors.)
- Lock up your valuables and secure all firearms.
- Consider developing a neighborhood watch program.
- Develop strong neighborhood relationships with neighbors to watch your property while you are gone.
- Place property on Property Watch through the Sheriff's Office when out of town. Call 803-628-3059
- Do not advertise on social media when you are out of town.
- We would also strongly recommend that you photograph and record the serial numbers to your property and store that information in a safe location. Photographing and recording your serial numbers may help investigators recover your property.

Thefts from motor vehicles or "B&E Autos" occur during both daytime and nighttime hours. These thefts occur at residences, parking lots, parks, hotels, malls, businesses, theme parks, restaurants and at fitness centers. Thieves often target unlocked vehicles & sometimes break windows to make entry. The usual targets: firearms, jewelry, money, electronics, tools, equipment, & anything of value. Citizens can do several things to better prevent Thefts from Motor Vehicles:

- Always lock your doors and windows.
- Remove all valuables from vehicle to include money, firearms, electronics, and other valuables.
- Park in areas where suspicious activity would be seen and cause attention.
- Park in well lit areas.

Please remember that simply hiding your property out of sight will not prevent theft if the suspect gains access to your vehicle.

The YCSO has found an increase in thefts involving cars, trucks, utility trailers, enclosed trailers, landscaping equipment, construction equipment, boats & farming equipment. These thefts occur everywhere from storage units, parking lots, residences, businesses, construction sites and back yards. Often the property stolen is sold rapidly using online sites and through private deals. Citizens can do several things to better prevent thieves from taking their property:

- Always secure your property with security cables, tire boots, locks, chains or store them in secure locations.
- Never leave keys in vehicle and remove the valet key.
- Always keep valuable property out of sight.
- Consider parking property in view of cameras or where you can keep an eye on it.
- Consider buying tracking devices for your property.
- Never allow anyone you do not trust, to borrow your property.

NEED A REMINDER?

Follow the YCSO on Facebook & Twitter for crime prevention tips & friendly reminders to lock your car & bring your valuables inside.



We would strongly recommend recording serial numbers, VINs, special markings or damage, and take pictures of your property in case it is stolen. It is easier for law enforcement to recover your belongings if they have a picture of your property.