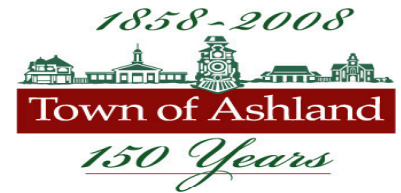




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Recent larcenies from unlocked vehicles

The Ashland Police Department has recently received several reports from citizens victimized by larcenies of items from their unlocked vehicles, which occurred over the weekend of March 14, 2009. Several pocketbooks, credit cards, cash and other valuables were stolen to an estimated value of around \$1500.00. These incidents are occurring in residential neighborhoods throughout the Town of Ashland.

We would like to remind the public to PLEASE remember to secure your vehicles at all times and remove items of value that are in plain view. We have provided several safety tips to help you protect yourself from these thefts.

Safety tips to remember when leaving your vehicle unattended:

- Never leave your doors unlocked.
- Never leave your car running (unattended).
- Do not leave your keys in the ignition or inside your vehicle.
- Completely close all windows and doors.
- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle (if you must do so store items in the trunk or in a securable compartment).
- Park in well lighted areas (after dark).

Additional Safeguards:

- If your vehicle has a car alarm always activate this system
- If you have theft deterrent decals (place them a visible area on your vehicle).
- If you have a garage, park your vehicle inside it. Lock both your car and the garage.
- Pay attention to your surroundings. Be aware of persons loitering and nearby activity.
- Be wary of people who approach your vehicle to ask for directions, change, or to hand out flyers.

If you have any questions, please contact the Ashland Police Department at (804) 412-0600.