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# MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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*Brad Keil - Chief of Police*

## **ALERT!**

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### **Thefts from Unlocked Vehicles**

The theft of personal property from parked vehicles is the most frequently occurring crime in the City of Middleton. People refer to it as “car shopping”.

Even though only a fraction of these thefts are reported to the police, it is believed that this criminal activity is occurring on a daily basis.

In the past month the City of Middleton has seen yet another dramatic increase in the number of theft from auto cases. In all of the most recent cases, the suspects are stealing from unlocked vehicles in the middle of the night.

Stolen items consist of anything of value such as change, iPods, CDs, GPS units etc. Garage door openers left in vehicles have been used to gain access to the garage and even the residence.

We are asking for your assistance.

#### **PLEASE....**

- ✓ **Lock your vehicle.**
- ✓ **Conceal valuable property from plain sight.**
- ✓ **Close your garage door.**
- ✓ **And call the Middleton Police Department at 824-7300 if you see any suspicious persons or activity.**

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