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VEHICLE RELATED CRIMES CONTINUE IN GLENCOE AND THE NORTH SHORE

(Glencoe, Illinois)— In recent weeks, Glencoe has experienced eight vehicle burglaries and one auto-theft, each of which took place overnight. All of the burglarized vehicles were left unlocked, and the one stolen vehicle was left unlocked with the keys inside. Unfortunately, these incidents continue to be a regular occurrence both in Glencoe and throughout the North Shore and the greater Chicago area. There is a simple solution – residents are encouraged to always lock their vehicles and to never leave keys or valuables inside.

The Public Safety Department reminds Glencoe residents that Glencoe, and our neighboring communities, continue to be targeted because vehicles are left unlocked, creating opportunities for our residents to become victims of crime. Many of the offenders are habitual violent criminals, and some are known to be involved in armed gang conflict including gang related shootings. These individuals pose a threat to the safety and security of residents of Glencoe as well as our Public Safety Officers. It is imperative that residents take the time to secure their vehicles and valuables to avoid becoming victimized and to help keep the overall community safe.

While the Public Safety Department is working around the clock to increase its presence and visibility in our neighborhoods, the department needs the community's assistance as well. The Public Safety Department encourages residents to take the following simple steps to secure property and help reduce the incidence of these crimes of opportunity in Glencoe:

- Lock and secure unattended vehicles at all times
- Ensure that valuables left inside are hidden from plain view
- Do not leave the keys or key fobs inside the vehicle
- Close and lock home and garage doors and windows, especially overnight
- Remain alert at all times
- As always, if you see or hear suspicious activity, please call 911 to report it immediately

Residents should contact the Public Safety Department at (847) 835-4112 with questions and are encouraged to share this information with friends and neighbors. Media inquiries may be directed to Deputy Chief Richard Weiner at (847) 835-4112 / rweiner@villageofglencoe.org.