



# PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE

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## VEHICLE RELATED CRIMES CONTINUE IN GLENCOE AND THE NORTH SHORE

*(Glencoe, Illinois)*— As of 2:30 p.m. on Friday, July 14, the Village of Glencoe Public Safety Department has responded to over 20 incidents of vehicle burglary, including two auto-thefts, which took place during the overnight hours of Thursday, July 13. All of the burglarized vehicles were left unlocked, and the stolen vehicles were left unlocked with the keys inside. One of the stolen vehicles was crashed and abandoned in Northfield. The other stolen vehicle has not yet been recovered. No arrests have been made at this time. Unfortunately, these incidents have become a regular occurrence both in Glencoe and throughout the North Shore and the greater Chicago area.

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 criminals, and some have been known to be armed and use the stolen vehicles to commit additional and sometimes violent crimes. 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. "We need our residents' help to break this cycle of crime," said Public Safety Director Cary Lewandowski. "There is a simple solution - lock your vehicles and do not leave keys or valuables inside."

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.

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