



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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# **Burglaries – Half due to Unlocked Doors**

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Washoe County Sheriff's Office Detectives are reporting half of the residential and vehicle burglaries in the county over the last week could have been prevented if only the owners locked the door.

There are three problems detectives see over and over.

1. Vehicles being stolen when the owner leaves them running to warm up.
2. Items are being stolen from both vehicles and residences because the door was unlocked.
3. Vehicle windows are being broken to steal any items left in plain view.

"They are stealing, change, wallets, garage door openers or anything left in plain sight." says Sheriff Mike Haley. "There are people who spend a good part of their day looking for an opportunity to steal. Please don't give them that opportunity."

Remember to hide items out of sight in your vehicle, preferably in the trunk. If they don't see anything, there's no incentive to steal.

**PLEASE!!! LOCK YOUR DOORS!**