



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

# **Preventable Burglaries**

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Washoe County Sheriff's Office is reporting a rash of vehicle burglaries that could have been prevented if only residents locked their cars.

You wouldn't hand a thief your wallet, would you?  
Or give a stranger your I-pod then walk away?

If you leave high dollar items in your vehicle and don't lock the doors, it is like handing a thief your wallet. A thief will see it as an invitation to steal your items.

"Garage doors left open are another invitation to have items stolen," 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. Thieves will break a window to get items left within their sight. If they don't see anything, there's no incentive to steal.

**LOCK YOUR DOORS!**