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Public Service Announcement – Lock It Or Lose It

Summer is quickly approaching and the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is again seeing a rise in thefts from motor vehicles throughout St. Mary's County. The majority of these thefts occur in vehicles which are left unlocked and the valuables were in plain view. Examples of items taken during these thefts include:

1. Purses and Wallets
2. US Currency
3. Cellular Telephones
4. GPS and other navigation systems
5. Electronic devices such as IPODS and MP3 players

Sheriff Timothy Cameron would like to stress the importance of following these precautions:

1. Lock your vehicle
2. Make sure windows are completely up and secured
3. Lock passenger compartments inside of your vehicle such as the glove box and center console
4. Never leave valuable items in plain view. Remove the items from the vehicle or secure them in the trunk
5. Park in well-lit areas

Be aware of their surroundings and report any suspicious activity such as unfamiliar persons and/or vehicles in the area. Proactive crime prevention and reporting suspicious persons and/or incidents is extremely helpful in identifying criminal activity and solving crime. The non-emergency number to report suspicious activity is 301-475-8008. If you believe a crime is in progress please call 911. When in doubt, report the information to the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Cameron and the men and women of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office are committed protecting property and maintaining safe communities.