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Chief of Police Gerald Butler

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Criminals Checking Doors for Easy Targets

Between Sunday, January 7, 2024, and Monday, January 8, 2024, officers of the Lake City Police Department received multiple reports of vehicles being burglarized at homes and apartment complexes along SW Grandview St and SW McFarlane Ave.

Video surveillance footage, available on our Facebook, shows three suspects dressed in hooded sweatshirts, long pants, sneakers, and backpacks checking the doors of vehicles to see if the vehicles are unlocked. The individuals have not been identified.

Collectively, the reports resulted in several stolen wallets containing identification cards, cash, credit, and debit cards, and other miscellaneous items. One victim reported two 22LR revolvers and an AR-10 were stolen from their vehicle

“It is imperative to ensure all vehicles, storage buildings, homes, or other items of value are locked or secured in some fashion,” said Chief of Police Gerald Butler. “Criminals are always looking for an easy target and nothing is easier than an unlocked vehicle containing valuable items.”

The department encourages citizens to create a routine, doing the same thing every time they leave their car or walk into their home.

- Take all valuables out of your vehicle, even if you’re going to lock the vehicle.
- Lock all vehicle doors and windows.
- Lock doors and windows to homes and storage buildings.
- Close window blinds and curtains when not home or at night.
- If able, invest in video surveillance systems and motion-activated lighting on the exterior of buildings.
- Set an alarm each evening to complete a “security routine” and ensure all vehicles and doors are locked.

Report suspicious activity to LCPD by calling 386-752-4343.

Report information anonymously by calling the LCPD TIPS line at 386-719-2068

or Crime Stoppers of Columbia County at 386-754-7099.



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