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Press Release

The Guilford Police Department is again investigating a series of vehicle break-ins that occurred in the early morning hours of 12/11/2017. This rash of thefts occurred in and around the Mulberry Point area. During the same hours, it was reported that neighboring towns had similar incidents to include a stolen vehicle.

The Guilford Police want to take this opportunity to remind our community that everyone in town has a responsibility to protect their own property and can assist the Police by not being an "easy target" by taking these simple steps:

- 1.) Lock your cars. All cars entered during these incidents, and for several months were left unlocked.
- 2.) Do not leave your keys in the vehicle, all recent stolen cars were made readily available to the thieves by leaving keys inside the vehicles (this includes valet keys inside the owners manual in the glove box).
- 3.) Do not leave personal belongings of value in plain sight inside the car to include purses, wallets, electronics, cash etc., this will only entice persons looking to commit these crimes to target your property.

Though these steps seem simple and obvious, most incidents of vehicle break-ins and vehicle thefts are crimes of opportunity being created by property owners not taking simple steps to protect their property.

Aside from the theft and property damage caused, these thieves put both the public and Police at risk when recklessly fleeing the areas of these crimes in stolen vehicles.

The Guilford Police Department had made a number of arrests in related incidents and will continue to investigate all incidents while working with statewide agencies to identify perpetrators and recover stolen property as we attempt to gain control of this growing trend. We ask the public to assist our efforts by not making yourselves easy targets.

If a vehicle you own has been illegally entered, damaged or stolen, please contact the Guilford Police Department. If you witness suspicious activity to include people and vehicles you don't know in and around your neighborhoods, please contact the Guilford Police Department 203-453-8061.