



# IF I WERE A THIEF YOU WOULD NOW BE A VICTIM!"



*The following visible items make your vehicle a target for crime.*

## SECURE YOUR CAR

- 1. Unlocked doors/Open windows and sunroof:** Cars should always be locked and secured. Allowing access to the interior of your car exposes you to a possible auto theft, loss of property. Pets and children should not be left unattended in cars.
- 2. Keys visible or in ignition:** Not only could your car be stolen but frequently there are other keys on your key ring as well (work, house, etc)! Leaving your keys out leaves your safety compromised at those places, too.
- 3. Purse/Wallet/Briefcase/Bag:** These items are primary targets for thieves because they contain valuables such as credit cards, I.D., driver license, house keys and money - all things that a dishonest person can use to commit further crimes like ID Theft or fraud. I.D. theft is an especially damaging crime with life altering results.
- 4. Cash/change:** You don't have to have a large amount of cash left in your car for a thief to break your window. A thief won't think twice about smashing your \$500 window in order to obtain your \$5 in change.
- 5. Cell phones/ Electronics.** If you leave electronics in your car while you shop, a thief will go shopping – in your car! These items have high resale value, and attract thieves when left unattended. Cell phones are easy targets, before you discover your “lost” phone was stolen. Additionally, many people store personal information inside their phones.
- 8. Mail/Documents with I.D. & Addresses:** Would you tell an unknown person your name and where you lived? Of course not! When you leave mail, paper work, or other documents containing your personal information, you provide the thief with invaluable information about your identity.
- 7. Other valuables:** That old gym bag with dirty socks may not be “valuable” to you, but the thief doesn't know that! They will break into your car steel the bag and throw it away once they discover it is valueless.



Vacations are **fun**.  
Outings are **fun**.  
Shopping is **fun**. Your car being broken into or missing is **NOT** fun! The Martinez Police Department has put together this flier to remind you to secure your car, so you can spend your time focused on things that are fun instead of on a car break-in or a stolen car. Did your car pass the test?

**For more information contact the Martinez Police Department (925)-372-3440**

This is **NOT** a ticket. It is a friendly reminder from the Martinez Police Department.