



* CRIME ALERT *

The Virginia Beach Police Department has noted a high number of larcenies from motor vehicles within the last week. Suspects are most often targeting vehicles that have been left unlocked; however, locked vehicles are also targeted and often damaged if valuable items are left in plain sight.

There are several steps you can take to greatly reduce your likelihood of becoming a victim:

- *Always lock up your vehicle and take your keys with you.*
- *Make sure all valuables are out of sight, preferably taken inside with you or alternatively, locked in the trunk. Criminals often break out windows to get to valuables they see in locked vehicles.*
- *Never leave personal information in your vehicle.*
- *Park in well-lit, easily visible areas at night.*
- *Immediately report any suspicious persons or behavior (e.g. individuals looking into parked vehicles) to the Police Department's Non-emergency number – 385-5000. Be sure to give the dispatcher a good description of the suspect(s) and their direction of travel.*
- *Immediately call 911 for crimes in progress.*

FOR FURTHER CRIME PREVENTION TIPS, PLEASE CONTACT THE VIRGINIA BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT'S CRIME PREVENTION UNIT AT 385-1006

*If you have any information about these cases, or any others, please contact Virginia Beach Crime Solvers at **1-888-Lock-U-Up**. You never have to give your name or appear in court and you can earn cash rewards of up to \$1,000.*