

Rocky Hill Police warn residents about increase in thefts from motor vehicles.

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- **Between October 1, 2007 and January 1, 2008 the Rocky Hill Police Department has received 27 complaints of thefts from motor vehicles occurring throughout the community. There is no pattern to the locations which these crimes have occurred, but the crimes are obvious crimes of opportunity.**
- **The Rocky Hill Police Department is urging residents to lock their vehicles, even while parked in their driveways. Also, avoid leaving expensive items in your vehicle; items such as jewelry, computers, cash and clothing should never be left within a visible area of the vehicle. Also, pocketbooks and wallets should never be left in plain view within a vehicles interior.**
- **Also, an unlocked vehicle containing a garage door opener is an invitation for a criminal to enter a dwelling. A stolen garage door opener is the equivalent to allowing a criminal access to a house key.**
- **With the increase in popularity of portable GPS navigation systems, car breaks are increasing as well. Motorists should secure these devices in a locked area while the vehicle is unoccupied, decreasing the likelihood of theft.**
- **In these recent events, all or most of the victim vehicles were unlocked. The crimes appear to be evenly distributed throughout the community. By exercising common sense and simple crime prevention strategies, and by reporting all suspicious activity to the Rocky Hill Police Department, there is no doubt that the frequency of these nuisance crimes will be lessened.**

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