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POLICE E-LERT

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The Johnston Police Department has taken several reports from residents whose vehicles were broken into overnight. All of the described reports occurred on the NW side of town and involved vehicles that were left unsecured. The description of the items that were taken in these thefts leads us to believe the offender(s) were juveniles.

The police department refers to this type of activity as “crimes of opportunity” because it usually involves suspects who randomly canvas residential neighborhoods looking for residents who have left valuables in their unsecured vehicles. This described opportunity allows criminals to gain quick and easy access to any/all of the property contained therein with little or no detection.

The Johnston Police Department wants to make you aware of this activity and remind you to be diligent in ensuring that you remove any/all items of value from your unattended vehicles. By making this simple effort you will greatly reduce your chances of becoming a victim of this type of crime.

Please visit the police department’s website at www.cityofjohnston.com/departments/police and click on the link “Top Ten Crime Prevention Tips” to obtain additional information and recommendations to keep yourself crime free this summer.

Anyone having questions or information regarding the described activity may contact Lt. Lynn Aswegan at 515-278-2345 or at laswegan@police.ci.johnston.ia.us