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LCSO Offers Ideas for Preventing Burglaries

Summer months normally mean an increase in reported residential and vehicle burglaries. Residential burglaries typically occur during daytime hours when people are away from their homes. The Leon County Sheriff's Office is reminding everyone to be safe and stay alert.

Here are a few suggestions about home security.

- **If you have an alarm system, use it.**

(A significant number of residential burglaries are committed on homes that have alarm systems, but were simply not activated.)

- **Keep a record of the make, model and serial numbers** on valuables and store this information in a secure place.

- It is a good idea to **take quality photographs of valuables** such as family heirlooms, jewelry and firearms.

(Photographs of identifying marks are a great help in positively identifying personal belongings when recovered.)

- **Report suspicious activity.**

(If it doesn't look right to you, contact law enforcement and let us come check it out.)

Also, most vehicle burglaries occur at night. Here are a few reminders about vehicle burglaries.

- **Lock your vehicle.**

(Unlocked vehicles make easy targets for would-be thieves and valuables stolen from cars are seldom recovered.)

- **Remove valuables from your vehicle when you leave it.**

(Something valuable left in an unlocked car becomes an easy target for someone looking for the chance to steal.)

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Again, the Leon County Sheriff's Office reminds all of our citizens to be alert and stay on the look out for suspicious activity. Consider joining a neighborhood watch group. If one does not exist in your neighborhood, you can start one with assistance from your local law enforcement. If you witness something suspicious, contact the Leon County Sheriff's Office or your local law enforcement agency.

By working together we can minimize the impact of criminal activity in our community.

For more information about home safety, security related issues or to request a home security survey, contact the Crime Prevention Unit at the Leon County Sheriff's Office at (850) 922-3323.

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