



HALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

CRIME PREVENTION UNIT



CRIME PREVENTION BULLETIN

DATE: May 16, 2012
SUBJECT: Summertime Crime Prevention

With summer break upon us, we're expecting the usual issues that normally crop up around our neighborhoods. A few general reminders:

- If your neighborhood has an amenities area such as a pool, clubhouse, or dock area, be sure all residents are familiar with the rules. Clearly post the hours of use and any other pertinent information. Trespassing, vandalism, and general misbehavior are often a problem here. Encourage your residents to help oversee these areas. Please remember, Sheriff's Deputies cannot enforce covenants or homeowner's association rules, but if the activity rises to the level of criminal behavior we can take whatever action is necessary.
- Be aware of increased foot traffic and general activity in the neighborhood during the daytime. With kids out of school, we sometimes see an increase in crimes committed by youths/juveniles. Don't tempt them by leaving garage doors open or items such as bicycles, scooters, etc., outside and unsecured.
- Entering Autos: summer nights are warm and comfortable. That means criminals are more apt to be out and about, and stealing from cars in neighborhoods can be a lucrative endeavor for them. As always, most of our entering auto cases happen at night, in the owner's driveway, and involve cars that are left unlocked with valuable items inside. This one is simple: **LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS AND DON'T LEAVE VALUABLE STUFF IN IT!** Most of the time they will pass by your vehicle if there is nothing visible and the doors are locked.
- Be wary of potential child predators roaming the subdivisions, lurking around the pools, or just generally paying too much attention to the kids. Educate your children on dealing with strangers, and don't hesitate to call dispatch if you suspect that someone might be up to something. Supervision of children is the key here.

We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer, and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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