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Working together to prevent vehicle burglaries

The Shreveport Police Department would like to take this opportunity to remind neighbors of some simple prevention measures that can be taken to reduce crime in our communities.

There are three elements that must be in place for any crime to occur: desire, ability, and opportunity. The criminal must first have the desire to commit the crime, secondly, the ability to commit the crime, and lastly, an opportunity to commit the crime. While it can be difficult to control desire and ability, we can all take steps to reduce our exposure to the would-be criminal's opportunity. In light of an increase in the number of vehicle burglaries reported this year, we are once again sharing some tips to help you reduce your odds of becoming a victim.

It is imperative to remember to remove ALL valuables from your vehicle when you park it for the night. Never leave anything of value in your vehicle unless there is absolutely no other alternative. This includes garage door openers.

Through the end of 2017, car burglaries were up 3% percent when compared to numbers reported during the same time period last year and, of the majority reported city-wide, many of the vehicles targeted were unlocked. Please remember to always roll up your windows and lock your vehicle.

Most vehicle burglaries occur at night when your car is parked and you are asleep. Vehicle burglars do not like light, so consider installing a motion detector light or leave an outside light burning at night. Additionally, apartment complexes are usually a thief's "soft target" as many cars are available for them to choose from.

Take advantage of the public crime maps online crime mapping program at: <http://bit.ly/2BiLaex> to see where these crimes are occurring and call your police department if you notice any suspicious activity in your neighborhood. You never know what you might prevent just by making a single phone call. The non-emergency number for the Shreveport Police Department is 318-673-BLUE (2583) ext. 3 and our emergency number is, of course, 911. Working together we can reduce car burglaries and continue to make Shreveport a safer place to live, learn, work, play and worship.

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