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Police Offer Friendly Reminder to Secure Your Vehicle

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Location: Citywide

EL PASO, TEXAS – The El Paso Police Department and the Auto Theft Task Force would like to remind everyone to make sure they are securing their vehicles and their belongings. Although we are currently seeing citywide decreases in the offenses of Theft of Vehicle (-29%) and Burglary of Vehicle (-21%) as we start 2015 it is important to remain vigilant and secure your vehicles. It is no secret that would-be thieves prefer an unlocked vehicle than having to break into the vehicle. Please take a moment to ensure that your vehicle is secured when you leave it. The Auto Theft Task Force offers the following tips that should be adhered to that will decrease the likelihood you will be victimized:

- Always lock your vehicle and take the keys with you
- Always park in well-lighted areas
- Never leave your vehicle unlocked/unsecured
- Leave nothing in view (purses, wallets, electronics, packages)
- Store valuables in the trunk
- Utilize anti-theft devices such as steering wheel locks or car alarms

Remember: Protect it. It's yours!

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