



# Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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**Case:** N/A

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

As spring weather approaches, the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office is reminding the public to be careful about leaving valuables in unattended vehicles. As more people choose to enjoy our recreational areas such as beaches and trails, cars are left unattended in parking lots, beaches, and trailheads.

Car burglaries are frequently crimes of opportunity and simply locking one's vehicle may not be enough to deter a burglar. The public is reminded to remove all valuables (such as purses, cameras, and electronic equipment) from the passenger compartment. Do not leave anything in your car that may signal a thief of potential valuables (such as docking stations or a GPS mount). It's also important to note that once a thief has access to the interior of a car, the thief is often able to gain access to the trunk too. Please take some time to eliminate the opportunity; you will more than likely eliminate the crime.

Mike Downey  
Sheriff

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