



# Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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**Subject:** Automobile Burglaries

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Humboldt County Sheriffs Office and Bureau of Land Management would like to remind the public to not leave valuables in plain sight in their vehicles. As summer has arrived, so has an increase in automobile burglaries. This is especially true around area beaches and parks. Criminals like to target these areas during the summer months. The Humboldt County Sheriffs Office and Bureau of Land Management has seen an increase in thefts from vehicles along area beaches; trail heads, and other recreational areas where the public leaves their car unattended while they recreate. This is especially true in just the last two weeks. Specific areas where automobiles have been broken into are Samoa Beach Parking, Manila Dunes parking lot, Mad River Beach parking lot and the trailhead parking to Headwaters Forest. Most of these vehicles have had the windows smashed out.

If you park your car unattended, do not leave valuables in plain sight, preferably lock them in the trunk if you have one or leave them at home. Examples of items recently stolen are purses, wallets, cameras and computers. If your wallet or purse is stolen call your bank(s) immediately. Many times these suspect(s) will start using the card as quick as possible before the owner reports it stolen. Do not leave your pin number to your ATM card in your purse or wallet.

If you notice someone loitering around parked cars and acting suspiciously call local law enforcement. The Sheriffs office can be reached at 445-7251 for non-emergency or 911 for an emergency.

Mike Downey  
Sheriff

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