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Burglary/Theft Crime Awareness Alert

The Willowbrook Police Department would like to remind residents of ways that one can protect themselves from being the victims of property crimes. In past years during the fall and winter months, it has been common to see a rise in crimes such as Vehicle Burglaries and Thefts. As shopping centers and restaurants become busier during these times, they can also become prime targets for criminals. These types of criminals usually target GPS units, Radar Detectors, and other valuables left visible in vehicles as well as purses and wallets which are left unattended while shopping or dining in crowded businesses.

There are several ways to prevent these types of crime and protect potential victims. Please remember to ALWAYS lock your unattended vehicles and NEVER leave anything of value visible to a passerby. If you must keep anything of value or any personal items in an unattended vehicle they should be placed out of view or in a locked trunk. Remember vehicles can be targeted at any time of day while they are unattended in a parking lot, on the street, or even in your own driveway. Criminals will not only rummage an unlocked vehicle but they will break windows to get to valuables that are left visible.

Also when dining or shopping please remember to be cognoscente of where your valuables, such as purses and wallets, are located. Criminals will target purses left in a shopping carts or even hanging on the back of an unsuspecting victim's chair. Once these criminals are in possession of wallets and/or purses they now have access to credit cards and personal identification items which can leave a victim vulnerable to identity theft issues.

As always, if there are any questions in regards to this alert or any future crime alerts please do not hesitate to call. It is a priority of the Willowbrook Police Department that we work together with the residents and raise community awareness to ensure that we remain one of the safest communities.

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