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Dear Pound Ridge residents,

With a rash of vehicle break-ins being reported in surrounding areas, the Pound Ridge Police Department would like to remind residents to lock their vehicles and not leave valuables inside. Here are some additional crime prevention tips to follow:

- 1. Report any suspicious person(s) or vehicle(s) via 911. Crime prevention is the best cure.
- 2. Never leave valuables, a purse, wallet or financial information in your car even just for a few minutes. Thieves often watch vehicles and strike when you leave your vehicle only for a few minutes.
- 3. Never leave the keys to your home or car inside a vehicle or in a place where a thief can find them. Keys placed in a "secret" hiding places may invite a crime. Thieves know where to look for hidden keys.
- 4. At night, keep the perimeter of your home well lit. Low energy lighting switched on and off by photoelectric sensors (low light switches) is a cost-effective way to discourage thieves. Often thefts from vehicles occur in residential driveways.
- 5. Always lock all doors and windows of your vehicle and home whenever you leave it, even for a short time.
- 6. Park in well-lit, public areas: Avoid parking your vehicle in isolated areas where there is not much traffic.
- 7. Always activate your alarm system, even when you are at home, and whenever you leave your house or vehicle—<u>even for a short time.</u> Many successful thefts that occur involve houses or vehicles that have alarm systems that were not activated.

If you have any further inquiries or questions please contact the Pound Ridge Police Department at (914)764-4206.

