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## NAMPA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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The Nampa Police Department would like to remind people to take appropriate measures to safeguard personal property. We respond daily to auto burglary reports where valuable items were left unsecured or in a place visible from outside the vehicle. Ten Auto burglaries have been reported since Saturday January 21<sup>st</sup>. None of these cases showed any sign of forced entry. Here are a few examples from cases within that period of time:

- A wallet and clothing items were taken from an unlocked automobile
- Car speakers were removed from two separate vehicles
- An MP3 player was stolen from an unlocked vehicle
- Tools were left unsecured in the back of a pickup and stolen during the night
- 2 shotguns were stolen from a vehicle
- A stereo, phone and charger were stolen from a vehicle
- A stereo was stolen from an unlocked vehicle

These reports get be routine for the police, but as you can see, many of these crimes are preventable by taking some simple steps to secure the property. Here are a few tips:

1. Remove valuables such as guns, wallets, purses, iPods, computers and other portable items from your vehicle at the end of the day. Many of these crimes are committed at night when fewer people are out and perpetrators are less likely to be seen.
2. If items must be left in your car keep them out of plain sight. A cellular phone or iPod charging cord left in view is an indicator to thieves that other valuables might be hidden inside the vehicle.
3. Lock your vehicles doors.

These three things may not prevent all theft but it will reduce your odds of being victimized and thieves will likely look somewhere else to commit their crime.

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