



Thurston County Sheriff's Office

"Creating a Safer Community Together."

Sheriff Dan Kimball

Community Alert

Date: February 12, 2009

Neighborhood/ Area: Countywide

Nature of alert: Auto theft information

Details: During the morning hours today, there were four vehicles stolen in Thurston County, including in the City of Olympia. The significance of this is that all of these vehicles were left to 'warm up' and 'defrost' in the owner's driveway or in front of their house. There were two similar events on February 11th. Several of the vehicles have been recovered, but in one instance, the suspects returned to the victim's residence in an apparent attempt to commit a burglary.

Photo (if necessary/ available): N/A

Contact info: If you have any information on stolen vehicles, please contact the Thurston County Sheriff's Office at (360) 786-5500, Crimestoppers at (360) 493-2222, or your local law enforcement agency

Crime prevention tips:

Although Washington State law prohibits vehicle operators from leaving their vehicle running and unattended, it is understood that this is a common practice during the winter months and times of freezing temperatures. 1) You should not leave your vehicle running and unattended, even for a moment; 2) If you must leave your vehicle, ensure that it is locked.

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