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Nature of Event: Vehicle Burglaries on the Rise in Granite Bay
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SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

The Placer County Sheriff's Office is urging residents of Granite Bay to be extra vigilant about locking their vehicles and not leaving their belongings in their cars in light of a rash of recent vehicle burglaries.

In January, 12 cars were burglarized in Granite Bay. Of those 12, six cars had been left unlocked, five cars had their windows smashed and one victim's belongings were taken from the bed of a pickup truck. Purses, wallets and electronics were taken. Some victims ended up additionally victimized by identity theft. Some of the burglaries occurred while mothers left their cars for a few minutes while picking up their children at daycare centers and schools.

In February, six more vehicles were entered in Granite Bay, most through broken windows.

Placing valuables in the trunk or covering them with a towel are not effective deterrents. Vehicles should always be locked and belongings should not be left in the car.

Anyone with information about those responsible for the car burglaries is urged to contact the Placer County Sheriff's Office at (530) 889-7800. To remain anonymous and be eligible for a cash reward for information leading to arrests, call Placer County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-923-8191.