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LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT



CRIME AWARENESS NOTICE

TOPIC: UNATTENDED VEHICLES

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department would like to make vehicle owners aware of something that could put your vehicle at risk of being stolen.

Did you know that leaving your vehicle unattended and running is not only illegal, but it also puts your vehicle at risk for easy and quick theft? Many people unknowingly have a habit of leaving their car running and unattended for the purpose of:

- Warming it up or cooling it down due to weather changes - especially in their driveway.
- Entering a store or other location quickly to grab something.
- Dropping off or picking up children at child care centers or events.
- Leaving the car in your driveway, office parking lot or other while you are inside for a moment.
- Leaving the car to run in and grab mail at your apartment community.
- Keeping your kids inside the running vehicle while you are temporarily away. A huge risk and child endangerment.

Criminals seek opportunity. An unattended vehicle left running is a sought after opportunity for a car thief or other type of criminal. It is also illegal and you could be cited.

WHEN NOT DRIVING YOUR VEHICLE, TURN IT OFF, TAKE THE KEYS AND LOCK IT. DON'T GIVE IT AWAY TO A THIEF!!!

NRS 484B.530 Unattended motor vehicle: Stopping engine, locking ignition and removing key. The person driving or in charge of any motor vehicle, except a commercial vehicle loading or unloading goods, shall not permit it to stand unattended without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition and removing the key.

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