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(Neb.)-Chadron Experiences Rash Of Attempted Car Break-Ins



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(CHADRON)-There have been several instances in recent days of car break-ins or attempted break-ins in Chadron. Chadron police records indicate that on Thursday morning three reports were received between 5:00-5:30 a.m. of a car alarm going off in the 800 block of King Street and vehicles with interior lights on in the 800 and 600 blocks of Bordeaux St. At 10:00 a.m., an individual in the 500 block of Bordeaux St. reported a vehicle broken into, and another individual filed a report at police headquarters Thursday afternoon to advise that someone had gone through the glove box of their vehicle. Two more reports Thursday afternoon indicate that someone had gone through vehicles in the 500 block of Bordeaux St. and the 300 block of West Sixth St., as well as another report of a vehicle being rummaged through in the 600 block of Mears St.

Chadron police chief Tim Lordino says the criminal activity appeared to have taken place in the early morning hours on Thursday and seemed to be concentrated in one general area. Up to this point, the only vehicles that were rifled through were those left unlocked. Lordino says the police are being extra watchful of the situation and are asking residents to do the same. Individuals who see anything or anyone acting suspiciously or who hear unusual noises are encouraged to call the police and let them know.

Lordino is also reminding residents to take extra precautions when it comes to their personal property. "Don't make yourself an easy target," he says. Lock your vehicle, and cover up or remove from the vehicle any items of value, including ipods, wallets, or hunting equipment, such as bows or rifles. Keep things out of view in the trunk or under the seat, or just keep items inside your house. Unlocked vehicles make for easy targets because all it takes is opening a door and heading down the street with something. In this recent string of break-ins up to this point, only some cash has been stolen.

Lordino says it is important to lock houses and garage doors as well and also consider keeping watch on open garages. He says if a garage door is left open, people can look in as they go by and see things they can easily transfer into cash. Lordino agrees that it's sad but true that "Gone are the days when we left the door unlocked

and nothing happened. Those days are gone.”

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