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Trail Head Crime

At the tops of many of our neighborhoods are public trailheads that allow for hikers, dog walkers, nature enthusiasts, fitness buffs and all sorts of other good folks to come and enjoy the great outdoors. The problem is, that in addition to all these good folks coming for the right reasons, there are also bad guys that specifically target these trailheads to commit car break-ins. Our West LA Detectives have noticed a considerable uptick in these trailhead car break-ins so I wanted to get a heads up out to our community.

No one wants to be bogged down with a bunch of extra stuff when strolling, jogging or hiking so many folks opt to leave their purses, backpacks, wallets, cell phones inside their cars. And if that's not bad enough, they then go and make it even easier for the criminals by placing their car keys or fob on the top of one of their vehicle tires before heading out. There are rings of criminals that know this very well. They count on it. And target the trailheads specifically for this very reason.

Another problem is that it has been speculated that approximately 50% of the people that come to our trailheads are from areas outside our division. That means that 50% of visitors are not going to get the word about the break-ins and consequently the bad guys will continue to be successful in acquiring their bounty. And criminals passing through our neighborhoods is always a bad thing for all of us.

It was mentioned that perhaps the respective HOAs may want to kindly consider funding some signage at the entrance or around the lots warning visitors that leaving items in their cars when parking is a bad idea. We can explore this further. And please help to look out for each other by sharing this information. Or if you see someone parking and being a bit careless about their car and property they may appreciate you sharing a heads up with them. Thanks for looking out!!!

All the best,

Maria