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SUFFOLK POLICE DEPARTMENT REMINDS YOU TO LOCK IT, DON'T LOSE IT!

SUFFOLK, Virginia (January 8, 2021) Have you ever wondered what most motor vehicle thefts have in common? Suffolk Police Department's Investigations Division and Crime Analyst have gathered the 2020 statistics on motor vehicle thefts in the City of Suffolk to help you understand how these thefts happen and empower you to take actions to enhance your personal safety.

Your Suffolk Police Department works day and night to identify and analyze trends in criminal activity. We do this so we can provide meaningful services and educate our community on the issues that matter.

Consider the following 2020 stolen vehicle statistics, many incidents of which could have been easily avoided:

- 61% of motor vehicle thefts occurred at residences or apartments
- 52% of vehicles were left unlocked with the keys inside
- 32% of vehicles were left unlocked and running
- 23% of vehicle owners weren't sure if the vehicle was locked
- 18% of motor vehicle thefts occurred at gas stations or convenience stores while the unattended vehicle was left running

Help us spread the word. Don't let your family, friends, and neighbors become a statistic. Please lock your vehicle and never leave an unattended vehicle running, even for a moment. Remember, "***Lock It, Don't Lose It.***"

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