



## City of Grinnell

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### MEDIA RELEASE

RE: Vehicle Burglaries

During the month of September we have experienced twelve (12) reported vehicle burglaries in Grinnell. A vast majority of these burglaries have taken place in the Northwest section of town. Most, if not all, of the burglaries have involved unlocked vehicles. While Grinnell continues to be a safe place to live, we do experience opportunistic thieves who walk around town during the overnight hours looking for unlocked vehicles. In March Grinnell officers encountered a group of individuals who were suspected of committing similar acts.

While investigators continue to follow up on investigative leads, we ask residents to assist us by not leaving valuables visible in their vehicles and to lock them when unoccupied. If a resident is the victim of a car burglary, we ask that they contact the police department so that a report can be taken. Based on these reports we can attempt to identify patterns, while also documenting specifics on stolen articles.

Anyone with any information on these burglaries is asked to contact Inv. Joe McMillen at 641-236-2670.

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Chief of Police