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MEDIA RELEASE: Vehicle Burglaries

On Wednesday September 1st, 2021, Grinnell Officers took eight separate reports of vehicle burglaries and a vehicle theft which had occurred over the night hours of August 31st into September 1st. These incidents occurred primarily in the northwest quadrant of Grinnell. In these incidents the interior of the vehicles were accessed and wallets, credit cards, electronics, and money were taken. Over the last few weeks there have been rashes of other vehicle burglaries and thefts both in Grinnell and surrounding areas.

In almost every case the vehicles burglarized were left unlocked either in the street or the owner's driveway. There are a few steps which can decrease the chances of becoming a vehicle burglary victim. These include removing items of value from vehicles, locking vehicles when they are unattended, and parking in well-lit areas.

Officers are actively investigating the recent rashes of thefts and following up on multiple leads. If you have any information related to these burglaries or thefts, please contact the Grinnell Police Department using the non-emergency line at **(641) 236 2670**.

Respectfully submitted,

Sergeant Benjamin Smith