

Auburn Police Department

Property Crimes Division

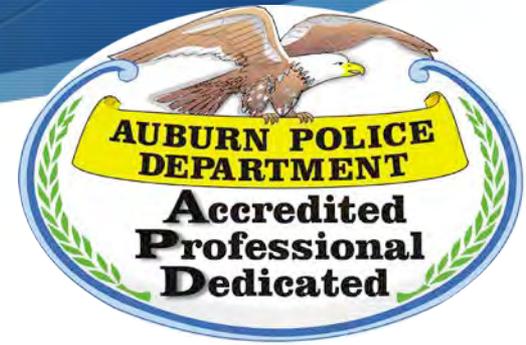
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Property Crimes Division

- ◆ The Property Crimes Division is responsible for investigating crimes involving: Auto Theft; Burglary; Felony Theft; Stolen Property Trafficking; Felony Vandalism; Fraud; Forgery; Identity Theft; Internet Crimes and Possession and Theft of Firearms. In 2012, the Property Crimes Division was assigned 2100 cases.
- ◆ Currently there are four Detectives assigned to investigate these cases and one additional Detective who is currently assigned to a regional Auto Theft task force, all of whom are supervised by a Sergeant.

Auto Theft



Auto Theft

- ◆ In 2012, there were nearly 600 Auto Thefts reported to the Auburn Police Department.
- ◆ In 2012, Auburn Police recovered well over 200 stolen vehicles which were stolen from other jurisdictions. This figure does not include recovering vehicles, which were originally reported stolen in Auburn.
- ◆ Each of these cases must be reviewed by the Auto Theft Detective to determine if there is any investigative information that may lead to charges being filed against the suspect(s).

Auto Theft

- ◆ The most commonly stolen vehicles in Auburn include:
 - Honda Accord
 - Honda Civic
 - Acura Integra
 - Ford trucks
 - Toyota Camry

Auto Theft

- Vehicles are stolen in a myriad of different ways. However, the most common methods include:
 - “Jiggler” keys
 - Punched ignition
 - ** Ignition replacement; screwdriver
 - Hot wiring
 - Factory Keys

Auto Theft Tools

“Jiggler Keys”



“Jiggler Keys”



Auto Theft Tools

Screwdrivers



**Ignition Puller/Slide
Hammer**



Auto Theft Security/Prevention

- ◆ Always lock your car
- ◆ Have a security System
 - ◆ Preferably a ignition kill system (ie: Sentry key, chipped key, micro-chipped insert.
 - ◆ “The Club” or other steering wheel locking devices
- ◆ Park in well lit and highly visible locations
 - ◆ Malls, shopping centers, business centers

Auto Theft Security/Prevention

- ◆ Never leave your keys in your car, and never leave a “hide a key” hidden anywhere on your car.
- ◆ Consider a vehicle tracking system
 - ◆ Lojack; Onstar
- ◆ Making your car a harder target will lessen the likelihood of it being stolen.

Auto Theft Security/Prevention



Auto Theft- The Aftermath



Auto Theft-Worst Case Scenario



Stolen cars don't always "look" stolen.



Bait Cars

BAIT CARS

ARE EVERYWHERE!

STEAL ONE. GO TO JAIL.

Bait Cars

- ◆ Bait Cars are an effective tool used by Law Enforcement throughout the country to detect and apprehend auto thieves.
- ◆ Currently, the Auburn Police use two different bait vehicles, which are shared with the PATROL-Auto Theft task force.

Burglary



Burglary

- ◆ In 2011, there were roughly 960 Burglaries reported in the City of Auburn
 - ◆ 633 (Residential)
 - ◆ 327 (Commercial/Non-Residential)

Burglary- What are they taking?

- ◆ The most commonly stolen items from residential burglaries include:
 - Televisions, Stereos, Electronics, Gaming Systems
 - Money/Checks/Credit-Debit cards
 - Identity Theft paperwork
 - Jewelry
 - Firearms

Burglary- What are they taking?

- ◆ The most commonly stolen items in commercial burglaries include:
 - Money/Checks/Credit-Debit card receipts
 - Electronics
 - Identity Theft information
 - Prescription medications

Burglary Prevention

- ◆ Always lock your house, especially when you are away.
 - ◆ Doors, windows, garage
- ◆ Secure windows
- ◆ Lock up sheds and out-buildings
- ◆ Don't keep a hidden key accessible from the outside

Burglary Prevention

- ◆ Get an alarm
 - ◆ Audible versus Silent
 - ◆ Monitored versus Non-monitored
- ◆ Make nice with the neighbors, let them know when you will be away for extended periods of time (ie: vacation, business trips).
- ◆ Police volunteer “House Check” program

Burglary

- ◆ It's advisable to make an inventory of the property in your home/garage/shed; at least the valuable items.
 - Brand, model, color, serial numbers
 - Make your own identifying marks on the property.

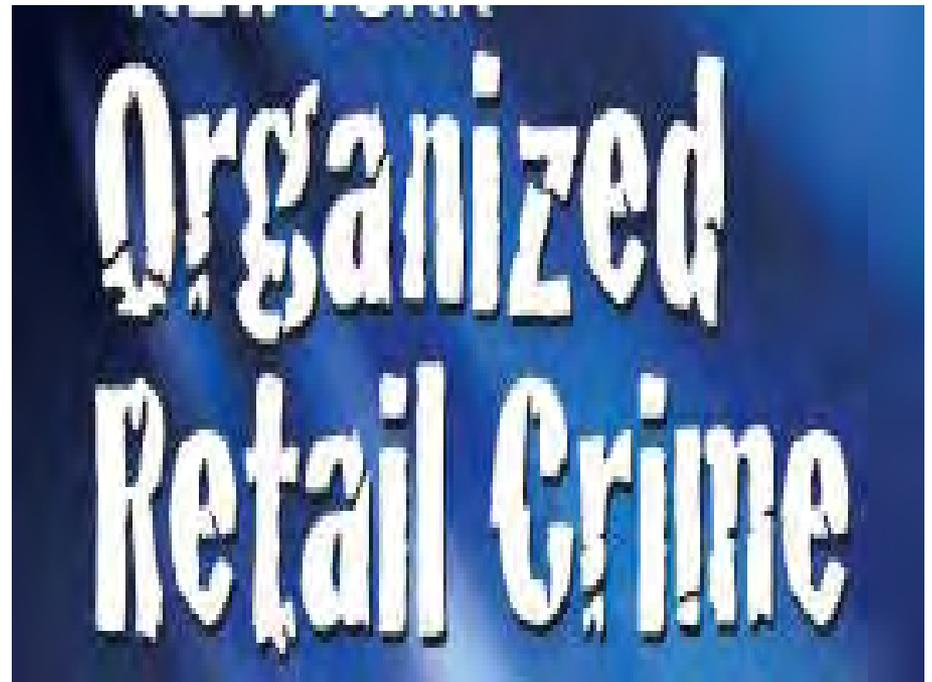
Take photos of valuable items, especially those items which don't have obvious serial numbers.

- Jewelry

Burglary- Will my property get recovered?

- ◆ You are never guaranteed to get your property back, but if you're able to provide the police with as much information as possible, you increase your chances.
- ◆ Often times officers will recover stolen property during traffic stops or other arrest scenarios.
 - WACIC/NCIC hits
- ◆ Often times, burglars and thieves will pawn the property to make quick money.
 - Leadsonline (Pawn database)

Theft



Theft

- ◆ The Property Crimes Unit also investigates all FELONY level thefts (loss over \$1000), which come in many different forms:
 - ◆ - Personal Property Theft
 - ◆ - Shoplifting
 - ◆ - Fail to Return Rented/Leased Property
 - ◆ - Internal/Employee Theft
 - ◆ - Organized Retail Theft

Theft

- ◆ The two fastest growing types of theft over the past 2-3 years have been:
 - ◆ Internal/Employee Theft
 - ◆ Organized Retail Theft

Internal/Employee Theft

**EMPLOYEE
THEFT**



THE ENEMY WITHIN

By Jim Dees
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Internal/Employee Theft

- ◆ Employee/Internal Theft has always been a issue, and is often said to cost businesses more money annually than theft from non-employees, most notably in the retail industry. However, in the past 2-3 years we have seen a rise in employee thefts across a number of other industries. These thefts typically concern the theft of money (cash and checks) or product (metals, expensive office supplies, computer equipment).

Organized Retail Thefts



Organized Retail Theft

- ◆ Organized Retail Theft costs retail businesses billions of dollars annually. Those losses are, in turn, passed on to the consumer in higher prices on everyday products.

Organized Retail Theft

- ◆ What is it?
- ◆ Who does it?
- ◆ Who benefits?
- ◆ What are they taking?
- ◆ What is being done about it?

Fraud/Forgery



Identity Theft



The Statistics

- ◆ On average, 10-12 Million Americans become victims of identity theft and fraud every year. Roughly, 1 in 20 Americans are victimized; some more than once.
- ◆ The financial losses to businesses and companies, amount to between \$30-40 billion annually.
- ◆ The loss suffered by the victim household is roughly \$1600-2000, but the victims often incur further expenses in trying to restore their identity.

How do they get my Info

- ◆ There are a number of different ways in which identity thieves obtain your information:
 - Mail Theft
 - Vehicle Prowls
 - Burglaries
 - Skimming
 - Internet (Phishing, Hacking, Trolling, etc etc etc)
 - Scams (via the phone and mail)

How do they use my info

- ◆ Once identity thieves obtain your information, they will often create checks, debit/credit cards, identifications and other legal documents to begin making purchases or online and telephone orders with your information, or cashing your checks or the newly created checks at check cashing businesses.
- ◆ Unfortunately, you don't know you've become a victim until it's too late.

Don't be a victim

- ◆ There are a number of ways in which you can lessen your likelihood of being a victim of identity theft:
 - Pick up your mail everyday
 - Don't send out bills with checks or credit card info through your mail box; take it to a USPO drop box.
 - If you are going to make phone orders, only order through trustworthy companies
 - Be careful making online purchases, only make purchases through companies you know and trust. Consider using a pre-paid credit card instead of your own credit/debit card.

Don't be a victim

- ◆ Don't leave your wallets and purses your in cars, they are never "hidden". Also never leave paperwork in your car that contains your personal information or information on credit card or bank accounts.
- ◆ Don't fall prey to the "get rich" or "easy money" schemes that are all over the internet (Craigslist, etc). They are all scams. I promise, you probably didn't win the "Nigerian Lottery" or inherit a prime piece of real estate in Nigeria.
- ◆ If it seems to good to be true.....**IT IS!**

Don't be a victim

- ◆ Be cognizant when using ATM machines or “Paying at the pump”, identity thieves and fraudsters can, and will place skimming devices on these machines that read your debit/ATM card when you're putting it in the machine. They will then use your card number to make phone and online purchases and even create fraudulent credit/debit cards.
- ◆ Shield your hand while punching in your “PIN” number.

Protect Your Identity



Skimming Devices



Social Networking

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font with a registered trademark symbol, set against a solid blue rectangular background.The Myspace logo, featuring a white icon of three stylized human figures of varying heights to the left of the text "myspace.com" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font, all on a black background.The Twitter logo, the word "twitter" in a light blue, lowercase, sans-serif font.

Social Networking

- ◆ “Social Networking” is another great place where identity thieves get what they need. Too many people put way too much information on social networking sites (ie: full name, maiden name, birth date, where they’re from, where they live now, who their married to, where they work).
- ◆ Don’t put all of your information on your social networking profiles, but if you feel that you must, at least set the security parameters to only be viewed by those you trust.

Social Networking

- ◆ Do you really need to “check in” everywhere you go or announce that you’re leaving on vacation and post it on your favorite social networking site? Yes, it is a neat feature, but you’re also announcing to anyone and everyone who can access or hack into your page that you’re not home.

Firearms Crimes



What we do.

- ◆ In the Property Crimes Division, we handle all cases involving theft, unlawful possession, trafficking and/or delivery of firearms. All other cases where a firearm was used in a crime (ie: Robbery, Assault, Drive-by Shooting or Murder) is handled by the Major Crimes Division.

What is a “Firearm”

- ◆ A “Firearm” is defined as:
 - Any weapon which will expel a projectile by means of an explosive or is designed or may be readily converted to do so. This includes the frame or receiver of any such weapon, any firearm muffler or silencer or any destructive device. However, this does not include antique firearms.

Common Firearms



Illegal Firearms

◆ Illegal Firearms include:

- Machine gun
- short-barreled shotgun
- short-barreled rifle

Exceptions include: Law Enforcement; Military; Federally Licensed Dealers

Illegal Firearms



Firearms Crimes

- ◆ Firearms related crimes are governed not only by state law, but also federal law. There are some federal statutes where a state law equivalent does not exist, so those cases are commonly referred to or turned over to the ATF for filing of charges in the federal court system.

Who cannot Posses Firearms

- ◆ There are a number of people who cannot posses firearms or ammunition. Ineligible people include:
 - Conviction for Domestic Violence
 - Including those who are subject of a DV Protection/No-Conact Order.
 - Convicted Felons
 - Persons considered “mentally defective” in a court of law.

Cannot Posses Firearms Cont.

- Illegal Aliens
- Those who have renounced their US citizenship
- Those who have been dishonorably discharged from any branch of the US Military.

THE END!

QUESTIONS?

