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Fifteen vehicles were discovered burglarized in Burleson between 12:17 a.m. on Tuesday, May 8, and 3:17 a.m. on Wednesday, May 9. Of those 15 cases, in only one instance did the burglar have to force his way into the vehicle. Fourteen of the vehicles were left unsecured.

Burleson Police arrested two suspects for burglary of a vehicle. Those arrests cleared 11 of the 15 cases. Jacob Allen Judd, 22 of Kennedale was arrested at 8:08 a.m. on May 8 in the 1500 block of Daisy Lane. Duane Dale Irwin, 25, of Burleson was arrested at 11:58 p.m. on May 8 in the 300 block of Newton Street. The majority of the vehicle burglaries were committed in the Queen Annes addition and in the area of Thomas Street and Newton Street.

The Burleson Police Department participates in the Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority's Hide, Lock and Take program which encourages drivers to hide their valuables, lock the vehicle and take the keys. Burleson's community resource officers stress that the majority of burglaries happen when people leave valuable items in view and leave their vehicles unlocked.

Of the 15 vehicles burglarized, only three occurred in a business parking lot. Of those three, one victim had run into a business to pick up dry cleaning and another was picking up a child at daycare. The majority of the vehicles that were burglarized were in residential driveways or parked on a neighborhood street.

What can you do to make your vehicle less enticing to thieves and burglars? Keep your valuables out of sight. CD players, car stereos, GPS navigation systems, purses, wallets, cellular telephones, loose change and tools are popular items. Other prime targets are iPods, CDs, radar detectors, briefcases/work bags, computers, jewelry, guns and garage door openers.

What else can you do? Park your vehicle in busy, well-lighted and well-traveled areas. If your vehicle has an alarm or anti-theft device, use it. If possible, park your vehicle in your garage and make sure the garage door is always closed. And, report people who look suspicious. Have a good description of what the person looks like, what they are driving, and their location, when you call 911.

Neighbors watching out for their neighbors is a good deterrent to crime. If your neighborhood doesn't have a Neighborhood Watch program, contact Officers Jack Goleman and David Wardlaw, the Burleson Police Department's community resource officers, at 817-426-9895 or 817-426-9958 or email cro@burlesontx.com.