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Chapel Hill Police Make Multiple Arrests for Breaking or Entering to Vehicles

The Chapel Hill Police Department arrested 8 individuals for Felony Breaking or Entering a Vehicle during the period from March 14 through March 27, 2012. In all of these incidents, the vehicles which were broken into were either left unlocked or unsecured. Some of the vehicles contained items of value, which were stolen from inside the vehicles.

The following are some helpful tips, developed to help residents and visitors to Chapel Hill reduce the likelihood that they will become the victim of a vehicle break-in.

- Always lock your vehicle's doors/trunk and roll up the windows.
- Lock your vehicle, even when parked outside your home
- Park in well-lighted areas.
- Never leave valuables visible inside your vehicle. Take them with you when you park your vehicle or lock them inside the trunk of your car.
- Covering valuables with an item of clothing or a blanket will not stop a would-be thief from breaking into your vehicle.
- Never leave a key to your vehicle inside the vehicle. A key left inside the vehicle could result in your vehicle being stolen.
- If you notice suspicious activity around your vehicle, in a parking lot, or around your neighbor's vehicle, **CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY**