



# Abilene Police Department Information Release



*Our mission is to work together to build a community of the highest quality for present and future generations.*

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Subject – Valuables left in vehicles

Location – Abilene

Investigation Status – On-going

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On the morning of December 13, 2011, I reviewed all calls for service that were either being worked on or were waiting to be dispatched. I noticed four vehicle burglaries that had occurred overnight. Since the Department responds to an average of 1200 car burglaries a year, I was disappointed to see four more would be added to 2011's numbers, but I was even more discouraged after I read what was stolen. The Department has strived to educate our community that they must lock their cars and remove all valuables from plain sight. However, a quick review of the call sheets on this date revealed just the opposite – many valuable things are being stolen from Abilene vehicles. Contents included: a \$550 rifle, Garmin GPS, \$200 cash, \$600 handgun, Christmas presents, purse containing two credit cards, \$40, keys to a car, and other miscellaneous items.

This press release serves as a reminder that *A Locked Car Is No Longer a Deterrent*. Our citizens need to remove all valuables from their vehicles because they are the first line of defense against property crimes. I encourage all of us to work together to create a safer community.

Sincerely,

Stan Standridge  
Chief of Police