CRIME ALERT

Breaking and Entering Vehicles

October 26, 2015

In compliance with the provisions of the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998, the University of Alabama in Huntsville Police Department is giving notice of incidents where someone has been “Breaking and Entering into Vehicles”.

Since the beginning of the fall semester, The UAH Police Department has received four reports of student owned motor vehicles being forcibly entered into and items removed. Two of the vehicles were parked in the large parking lot just west of the Central Campus Residence Hall. One was parked in the same lot further south across from the Business Administration Building. The other one was parked in the Franz Lot. The first report was filed on October 2, 2015 and the most recent was yesterday, October 25, 2015. In the first three incidents, the thief removed the radio from the dash board. The thief took a book of checks that were inside the glove compartment in the most recent report.

The UAH Police Department needs your help if we are to catch or deter the person or people involved. This type of crime can occur anywhere and anytime because a thief is looking for two things: (1) Something worth stealing and (2) The opportunity to break in to the target vehicle and commit the theft.

Crime Prevention Tips:

1. Secure your valuable property in the trunk or even better...remove them from your vehicle. Don’t leave valuable property in plain sight for someone to see.

2. Register, mark, and record the make, model, and serial number of expensive electronics you may have installed in your vehicle. In the event your property is stolen, this will make it easier to identify as yours if the Police locate them.

3. Keep your vehicle locked and the windows rolled up at all times. Don’t make yourself an easy target.

4. Report suspicious acting people to the police immediately! Many times, a thief wants to able to wander about a parking lot looking into vehicles for something to steal without any worry that he/she will be observed and reported. Most often because people walking to and from their cars aren’t paying attention to others around them.

If you think you see something or someone suspicious, call the UAH Police Department at 256-824-6596. Who knows, your tip may be the one that helps us catch a thief.