CRIME ALERT – Vehicle Break-Ins on Campus

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Over the last few weeks, the campus has experienced a number of vehicle break-ins where the thieves are entering parked motor vehicles that are unlocked. In some cases, vehicles are being searched for valuables with nothing being stolen. For example, owners have reported someone has rummaged through and strewn items about the vehicle interiors.

The suspects appear to be young, college aged, males wearing backpacks. We have tracked a pair walking from the neighborhood east of the Early Learning Center in the northern portion of the campus. They have also used a car to come onto the campus. They are blending in with the student population and avoiding detection from others. If people are observed walking in the lots, in some cases, the thieves are walking as if they belong or hiding between parked cars.

The time frame for the crimes so far has been isolated between 9:30 pm – 11:00 pm, but that doesn’t mean they can’t alter the times. So be aware day and night and remain vigilant.

The suspect vehicle looks to be a red, four door Toyota Camry or a Corolla. The vehicle may have a handicapped front plate and a hang tag. A photo of the vehicle is pictured below. If you recognize it, or see any suspicious acting people walking about the parking lots and trying to open different car doors, please call the UAH Police at 256-824-6596 or 256-824-6911.

There is no reason to believe these men are violent actors and no one has been injured! However, I’m asking that everyone be looking for a car matching the description of the one pictured and don’t hesitate to call the UAH police. If you’re able to obtain a license plate safely, do so and tell police. If anything, practice good crime prevention and lock your vehicles all the time!

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