

# Blue Ash Police Department

## Media Release

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### VEHICLE BREAKINS & VEHICLE THEFTS

**Blue Ash, Ohio** – Between Friday January 6th and Sunday January 8th, 2012, eleven Blue Ash residents reported that their vehicles had been entered overnight while in their driveways and were either ransacked or had valuables removed. Two additional residents reported that their vehicles had been stolen during the same time period. The series of incidents are being actively investigated by the department. Both stolen vehicles have since been recovered by the police.

The Blue Ash Police wish to remind all residents that they can help deter crime and possibly limit their exposure to criminal acts by following a few simple guidelines:

- Lock your vehicle when unattended, especially overnight.
- Do not leave valuables visible within the passenger compartment.
- Take valuables from your vehicle into your house overnight whenever possible.
- Don't leave any sign that there might be valuables "out of sight" in your vehicle. For example: the suction cup on your dashboard, might tell thieves, that you have a GPS system in your vehicle.
- If you have an after-market stereo/CD-player with a removable faceplate, remove it. If the unit can be pulled, remove it and take it with you.
- If your trunk can be opened from inside your vehicle without a key, lock this feature when you are not in your vehicle or have it disabled, if possible.
- Never leave ignition keys in your vehicle at any time when the vehicle is unattended.
- Report suspicious persons or activity in your neighborhood to the police immediately.
- Report audible alarms when they sound.
- If your vehicle has an alarm or anti-theft device, use it.
- Illuminate your driveway with exterior lights overnight.
- Never leave personal identification documents, vehicle ownership title, or credit cards in your vehicle.
- Copy your license plate and vehicle information (VIN) numbers on a card and keep them with you. If your vehicle is stolen, the police will need this information to take a report.

Anyone with information on these crimes is urged to contact the Blue Ash Police Department at (513) 745-8555 or Crime Stoppers at (513) 352-3040.