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Police Urge Residents To Lock Up Vehicles as Car Thefts Rise

Springfield police are urging the public not leave running vehicles unattended as car thefts rise.

“At this time of year as the weather gets colder, people tend to warm their cars up in front of their home or leave the motor running while the driver goes into a gas station or use an ATM,” said Sgt. Dan Harris, Springfield Police Division (SPD). “The problem is that others take advantage of the opportunity to steal cars.”

SPD has seen as many as four cars stolen in one day in the past week, said Harris. Motorists should remain in their car while it’s warming up, and shut off the engine when they step out, he said.

To decrease the chance of theft, drivers should not leave the car running unattended, leave the keys in the vehicle or fail to lock the vehicle when it’s parked.

To report a non-emergency vehicle theft, call SPD at 937-324-7685.

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