

Community *Summer* Alerts

Provided by Crime Awareness Unit of the DeKalb Police Department

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Deterring Summer "Burglaries/Theft"

The DeKalb Police Department wants to increase your awareness to decrease the possibility of becoming a victim of Burglary or Theft:

THEFT AVOIDANCE:

- 1) Remove lawn equipment, bikes, tools and valued items from open carports; secure these items in a locked shed or basement
- 2) Record serial and model numbers of valued items kept at your home
- 3) Remove valued items (purses, laptops, GPS, etc.) from your vehicle when parked day or night; secure/lock your vehicle at all times
- 4) Ensure outside lighting is functioning properly by changing bulbs and replacing old wiring to increase the visibility around your home
- 5) Remove mail from the mailbox soon after delivery; drop outgoing in the blue US Postal mailboxes

BURGLARY AVOIDANCE:

- 6) Before leaving home, remove fans from windows and secure A/C window units so they are not easily removed; do not leave doors or windows open
- 7) Utilize all security mechanisms installed in your home (i.e. locks, alarm systems, light & sound timers); keep updated contacts with the monitoring company
- 8) Avoid advertising the purchase of any TV & electronics; break down boxes and dispose in black garbage bags; use drapes/blinds to lessen the visibility of these items of the outside
- 9) Remove any objects to aide a criminal: (i.e. ladders, tools, projectile objects)
- 10) Communicate with your neighbors on suspicious activity seen and always **CALL 911** for any suspicious persons, vehicles or activity seen throughout the community



*** Remember if you don't inform the Police,
the Police don't know what's happening in your neighborhood. ***

