

**Daily Property Crime in the Foothills: Wednesday, August 22, 2018**

**1 Stolen Vehicle:** 4500-block of Morris NE.

**1 Residential Burglary:** 12300-block of Tamarac Trl NE.

**5 Auto Burglaries:** 1400-block of Muriel St NE, 4600 block of Algiers Dr NE, 400-block of Paisano St NE, 2500-block of Gretta St NE, 14000-block of Indian School Rd NE.

**Entries:** 2 of 5 vehicles left unlocked, 3 windows broken to gain entry to items left inside vehicle.

**Items stolen that were left in unattended vehicles:** Back pack, IDs, Social Security card, birth certificate, medical card, and bank account information. Hand gun, gun belt, 2 loaded 10-round magazines, 2 pairs of hand cuffs, radio pouch, key holder and a flashlight. \$200 in tools and 2 pair of shoes. Back pack, laptop, auxiliary cords, school text books, wallet, old IDs, government assistance cards, Social Security cards for victim and victim's daughter, a stethoscope.

Foothills Area Command citizens have now **armed criminals with 8 hand guns and a lot of ammunition so far in August (1<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>)**; all left in vehicles that were unattended. Please properly secure your firearms – our community is unwittingly arming a criminal population with deadly weapons. Along with the right to bear arms comes the responsibility to properly secure them for everyone's safety.

For every 'shots fired' call made to APD by our Foothills community members, I have to think back to the many guns that are left in vehicles by owners that are stolen by auto burglars and the several police cases I have seen where juveniles were armed with weapons. Where does a teen get a weapon? Not at a gun store or legitimate dealer, but most likely from the community member who left his or her gun in their car and walked away...As my regular readers know, I get passionate about this topic, but lives are on the line: yours, mine, our police officers – it's a community problem and will only be remedied by a community response.

Be safe,

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