

Are you driving a 'bait vehicle'? Are you providing a criminal with your car keys?

Property Crimes reported in the Foothills Area Command Friday, November 9th through Monday, November 12th

1 Armed Robbery/To an Individual: 12900-block of Central Ave NE.

9 Stolen Vehicles: 2 vehicles at the same address on the 10000-block of Menaul, 300-block of Dorado Dr SE (left keys in vehicle), 10400-block of Clyburn Park Dr NE (left a spare key in a purse inside the vehicle), 4000-block of Shenandoah Pl NE, 10800-block of Montgomery Blvd NE (knives and machetes inside the vehicle), 10700-block of Academy Rd NE, 11500-block of Snow Heights Blvd NE, 10400-block of Manzanillo Ave NE (left 1 vehicle unlocked with keys to another inside; auto burglary of keys resulted in the 2nd vehicle being stolen). **Quick Take-Aways: 33% of the weekend's stolen vehicles were 100% preventable!**

1 Commercial Burglary: 3800-block of Juan Tabo Blvd NE.

7 Residential Burglaries: 300-block of Western Skies SE, 11200-block of Domingo Rd NE (entry to home via using an axe stolen from shed in the yard), 200-block of Jane St NE, 10700-block of Academy Rd NE, 10300-block of Baldwin Ave NE, 11500-block of Snow Heights Blvd NE, 800-block of Eubank Blvd NE.

Quick Take-Away: I constantly instruct home owners with sheds to **keep the sheds locked**. Am I really concerned that their garden tools or holiday decorations will be stolen? No! I'm really concerned for the shed being a **hiding place** or a place to get **access to burglary tools** to proceed to break into the home after breaking into the shed.

16 Auto Burglaries: 100-block of Hotel Circle NE, 3100-block of Lori Pl NE, 4300-block of Morris St NE, 4000-block of Camino De La Sierra NE, 1500-block of Indian School Rd NE, 10000-block of Menaul Blvd NE, 10600-block of Montgomery Blvd NE, 1200-block of Hupmobile Dr NE, 1100-block of Narcisco St NE, 10700-block of Academy Rd NE, 3000-block of Juan Tabo Blvd NE, 11200-block of Malaguena Ln NE, 11200-block of Domingo Rd NE, 12500-block of Comanche Rd NE, 1500-block of Eubank Blvd NE, 800-block of Juan Tabo Blvd NE.

Entries: Breaking windows (6), no method of entry discovered/unforced entries (10).

Items left inside vehicles that were stolen: 3 suitcases full of clothing. Headlight, fuses, filter and damages to ignition due to failed attempt to steal the vehicle. Michael Kors leather handbag. Hunting bow. Large piece of machinery, \$680 drill and tool box from back seat of unlocked work vehicle. Purse, military ID and other IDs. Wallet, IDs, credit cards from an unlocked vehicle. CDs and DVDS stolen from unlocked vehicle. Miscellaneous inside unlocked vehicle stolen 3 weeks ago and just got around to reporting the crime. Ignition completely gutted and found in pieces on floorboard in failed attempt to steal the vehicle. IDs, Social Security card. Wallet and other items. Wallet, driver license

Quick Take-Away: It's surprising to see the large number of vehicles that **were left parked and unlocked with valuables and personal information/IDs left inside**. Please help me by spreading awareness that this is **attracting a criminal element** to our area. Please do not assume "it won't happen to me" or "I'm in a business/fitness center/etc. parking lot and they have cameras" or "this is a nice neighborhood and those things don't happen here." In a nutshell, **don't turn your vehicle into a bait vehicle**. Lock up and remove all items of value and items with personal information – the odds of you becoming an auto burglary victim will plummet.



Stay safe everyone – Jill Garcia, Crime Prevention Specialist / ICPS, NCPS – Albuquerque Police

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Trending Tuesday: Our APD Crime Analysis Unit reports that there were 138 auto burglary reports filed with APD the week of November 5-11. The numbers ranged from a high of 45 (North East Area Command) to a low of 9 (North West Area Command) and the Foothills came in with 22 logged for that week, the 3rd highest number among all 6 APD Area Commands that week. I firmly believe the old habits of leaving valuables in unattended vehicles in the Foothills is driving our numbers and it's time for a habit change! Clear the vehicle of valuables and lock up to reduce your odds of being an auto burglary victim and to help push this criminal activity out of our Area Command.

Hot Wheels Report: APD's Crime Analysis Unit also reports that there were 60 stolen vehicle reports taken by APD for that same week (11/5-11/11). This type of crime is on a steady decline – there were 99 stolen vehicles reported the week of 10/22-10/28 then 70 the week of 10/29-11/04 city-wide. The Foothills was among the four Area Commands who had 8 stolen vehicles reported for that week (the other three Area Commands with 8 stolen vehicles were the South East and the Valley and the North West). The highest number of stolen vehicles reported to APD that week was 17 (North East Area Command) and the South West Area Command reported 11 stolen vehicles for the same time period.

The most popular places to steal vehicles in Albuquerque last week were: single family residences (15 cases), apartments (13), hotels (6), businesses (5), retail (3), gas stations/movie theatres/restaurants and roadside (2 each), breweries, car dealerships/mechanics, car rental facilities and mobile home parks all logged 1 case each for that week.

Most popular makes to steal last week were: Chevrolets (9/2 were Silverados), Fords (7/3 were pick ups) and Hyundais (6/4 were Sonatas).



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