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For Immediate Release- **COMMUNITY ALERT:** Help reduce your Risk of Vehicle Burglaries

The Prosper Police Department has recently seen a spike in thefts from vehicles over the last couple of days. Property was stolen from at least 11 different locations, with most of the crimes occurring due to the car not being locked by the owner. The suspect/s in each of these thefts took items that were readily carried away. Items taken include: change, electronic devices, even a handgun, etc. Vehicles were broken into primarily in the La Cima subdivision.

Vehicle burglaries are crimes of opportunity; however, residents can minimize their chances of being a victim by taking a few simple steps: keep all car doors and windows closed and locked – even if it's a quick errand. Do not leave valuables, packages, or items in plain sight in your vehicle. Park your vehicle in an area that is the most visible and well-lit at night. If possible, park your car in the garage. Keep a list of serial numbers (include make and model information, as well) for the commonly used electronic equipment you may keep in the car, like CD players, stereo faceplates, MP3 players, GPS units, etc. We also suggest that you engrave your driver's license number on your valuables to aid in their recovery, should they be lost or stolen.

If you see something that looks suspicious, call 9-1-1. Suspicious activity may include: A person looking into parked cars who may be looking for a car to steal or for valuables left in plain view inside. The sound of breaking glass or a car alarm could mean a vehicle break-in. Any vehicle without lights at night, cruising slowly, or following a course that seems aimless or repetitive is suspicious in any location. Occupants may be "casing" for a burglary. Persons walking around a neighborhood pulling on car door handles may be looking for unlocked vehicles to steal from.

Residents are encouraged to call 9-1-1 immediately about all suspicious activity. This type of situation has occurred in other residential areas in the past and arrests were made at that time. The Prosper Police is actively investigating each of these offenses.

We need the community's eyes and ears to assist with catching these criminals.