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## News Release

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### **Residents Reminded to Take Steps to Prevent Thefts from Auto**

**Pueblo, CO:** With a recent increase in reports of thefts from auto, the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office is reminding residents to take precautions to prevent their vehicles from being a target for thieves.

Since August 7, the Sheriff's Office has responded to more than 55 reports of theft from auto which have occurred throughout Pueblo County from residential neighborhoods to public parking lots. Among items reported stolen vehicles are handguns, purses, clothing items, tools, sports equipment, electronics and cash and coins.

"Many of the thefts could've been avoided if the vehicle doors had been locked," said Pueblo County Sheriff's Patrol Captain Cliff Kindred. "We also remind people not to leave valuables in their vehicle, even if the doors are locked."

"If a thief sees something inside a locked vehicle, they will break a window to get to it," Kindred said. "The best thing to do is take your valuables out of the vehicle or at the very least don't leave them in plain sight."

The Sheriff's Office also reminds people to keep their garage doors closed, especially at night. "While we are out taking proactive measures and we are planning special missions to try and fight these crimes, we ask that residents help us by not being careless in leaving garage doors open and vehicles unlocked."

Here are some additional tips to keep your vehicle from being stolen or broken into:

- Roll up all windows and lock all doors
- Don't leave a garage door opener in your vehicle
- Never leave a key (even a spare key) inside your vehicle
- Don't keep paperwork in your vehicle that contains personal information that can be used to commit identity theft
- Don't leave a firearm or other valuables in your vehicle
- Don't leave money or spare change in plain view
- Never leave the vehicle unattended while running
- Try to park in well-lit areas at night

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- If your vehicle has an alarm, use it
- Consider getting an anti-theft wheel or pedal lock device

The Sheriff's Office also reminds people that if you see something and someone that looks suspicious, call and report it immediately. If it is an emergency call 9-1-1 and for non-emergent concerns call (719) 583-6250.

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