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Vehicle Thefts, Keys in Ignition

In reviewing vehicle theft reports from June of 2009, it was discovered that several of these stolen vehicles' owners had left their keys in the ignition prior to the theft. While this occurs more commonly during the winter months when people leave their cars running and unattended to warm them up, the Lancaster City Bureau of Police would like to remind citizens that leaving keys in the ignition of an unattended vehicle not only presents an invitation to thieves, but is also a violation of Lancaster City Ordinance.

Leaving Key in Lock 285-105

"The owner or person in charge of any motor vehicle shall not permit it to stand unattended on any street, private driveway, public or private parking lot, used or new car sales lot or any other unattended open space which is readily accessible to any person without having locked the ignition of such motor vehicle and removed the ignition key from its lock."

Citizens are also reminded to always lock their vehicles and put their windows up, and to never leave valuables inside unattended vehicles.

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