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This week in police news...

Shelburne Police Service responded to 87 calls for service between May 26th and June 2nd 2013

Lock It or Lose It

After recent reports of thefts from unlocked vehicles in the Town of Shelburne, the police are again urging the public to ?Lock It or Lose It?. During the summer months the Shelburne Police Service often deal with several thefts from cars left unlocked overnight. Numerous officer hours are spent every year investigating property crime, which police describe as a costly drain on resources. By following the information below, you can assist the police with this matter:

Studies involving thefts from vehicles showed nearly 100% of the events involved unlocked doors or car drivers who left valuables in plain view without locking their doors. Many of these crimes ? and the resulting losses to the victims ? can be prevented with some simple, common sense actions on the part of all of us.

Here are a few crime prevention tips to help keep us from becoming the victim of a burglary or theft:

? Not every car burglar working the street is easily spotted. Be wary of anyone who seems to be suspicious.

? Remember to always secure your car doors when parking your vehicle, even if for a few minutes or in your own driveway. It just takes a few seconds to enter an unsecured vehicle.

? Do not leave valuables, such as GPS, iPods, laptops, etc. in plain view inside your vehicle. Secure them in a glove box, console, or even better in the trunk. Thieves will search through other vehicles that are easier targets if they do not see anything of value your car.

? Park in well lighted areas at night.

? Keep your garage door closed and locked at night. Many burglaries to garages occur with doors left wide open. An open garage is an invitation to a thief to take anything in sight.

? Be suspicious of anyone approaching your vehicle or roaming your neighbourhood.

? Call the Shelburne Police Service to report anyone you believe suspicious in your neighbourhood or a parking lot.

With the public's assistance, the police will have a greater chance of apprehending these people and put an end to this type of crime. If you have any questions please call the Shelburne Police Service at 519 925-3312.

RIDE Arrest

Just before midnight on Saturday May 18th a black Acura entered a R.I.D.E. program on Main Street in Shelburne. As officers started an investigation in regards to the vehicle the driver raced away. Officers ran to their vehicles but were unable to locate the vehicle in the original direction of travel. The vehicle was later located abandoned on Centre Street. Police seized the vehicle but the occupants were not found at the time. The ongoing investigation led to an arrest on May 30th. 20 year old Mario Avgerinos of Milton was arrested and charged with Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Flight from Police, 2 Counts of Breach of Recognizance, Possession of a Controlled Substance and various highway traffic act charges.