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Dear Community Partners:

Over the past several weeks, the Franklin Police Department has responded to several ‘smash and grab’ vehicle burglaries throughout the City. In most cases, suspects broke a vehicle window out after observing a purse, electronics, or other valuable items left in plain view in each victim vehicle.

Auto burglars are often opportunistic criminals looking for the right opportunity. You can make yourself a less likely target by following these simple tips:

- **Lock your doors**
Thieves are inherently lazy; they don't want to work hard at anything, not even stealing your stuff. An unsecure car makes it easy for them to quietly slip into your vehicle and away with your belongings.
- **Keep valuables out of site**
Burglars are attracted to vehicles where valuables are visible. A GPS unit, purse, or laptop computer in plain view is an advertisement sure to get attention.
- **Park in busy, well lit areas**
Burglars would rather commit their crime in a dark or remote area where they are less likely to be detected.

Detectives are working a variety of leads, and officers have stepped up patrols in areas hardest hit. We appreciate your partnership and encourage you to report suspicious persons or vehicles to us immediately by calling (615) 794-2513.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles J. Warner".

Sergeant Charles J. Warner
Public Information Officer
Franklin Police Department
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cc: Jackie Moore, Chief of Police
Deputy Police Chiefs