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**CRIME PREVENTION ADVISORY**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Car Burglary “Smash and Grabs” on the Rise  
Being Careless Can Ruin Your Day**

The Yolo County District Attorney’s Office advises that there has been an alarming increase in theft cases involving unsuspecting victims who leave valuables on the seat of their cars or in the center console.

According to District Attorney Jeff Reisig, “Smash and grabs where burglars break your car window and steal valuables left in plain view are on the rise. In one case a man parked his car at the gym at 5 am. He returned to his car at 6 am only to find shards of glass on the ground and in his car. The passenger side window had been smashed and his wallet and cell phone were gone. Please remember to lock your car doors and put all valuables including purses, wallets and cell phones in your trunk. It only takes 30 seconds for a criminal to ruin your day, not to mention cost you lots of money and time.”

Also, please keep in mind that lost and stolen wallets, check books, credit cards, check books and Social Security cards are some of the primary sources of the personal information used to commit identity theft and fraud. We suggest you limit the information you carry in your purse or wallet and consider leaving items such as extra credit cards, check books and social security cards safely locked up at home.