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### **HUNTERDON AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES SEE INCREASE IN VEHICLE THEFTS**

Acting Hunterdon County Prosecutor Michael J. Williams and Acting Chief of Detectives Frank R. Crisologo are alerting the public to a recent increase in vehicle thefts and burglaries.

According to Acting Prosecutor Williams, “The recent rise in car thefts is not isolated to Hunterdon County alone; the surrounding counties are also experiencing this surge in crime. In most instances the burglarized cars were left unlocked with the keys or key fob inside the vehicle. The crimes usually occur at night in the early morning hours. In some case the vehicles were left unlocked in the driveway with the garage door opener inside. This poses the additional risk of a home burglary. These crimes of opportunity can be avoided using common sense by locking your vehicle, parking in well-lit areas, and keeping any valuables out of sight.”

Anonymous tips can be submitted by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-321-0010, going online at [www.CrimeStoppersHunterdon.com](http://www.CrimeStoppersHunterdon.com) or through the free “P3 Tips” smartphone app. All tips are anonymous and kept confidential.

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