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## Media Release

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**Nature of Event:** Public Service Announcement – Larcenies of Vehicles, from Vehicles, and from Porches

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The Auburn Police Department would like to remind the citizens of Auburn to be more conscientious about securing their vehicle at all times, especially during the overnight hours and to be aware of deliveries of purchased items to your residence when you are not home. Our department has investigated numerous larcenies from vehicles, as well as vehicle larcenies, and thefts off of porches in the past several months.

The vast majority of vehicle related larceny instances occur with vehicles which are left unlocked and/or when the keys are left inside the vehicle.

If you must leave items of value in your vehicle, please make sure they are hidden and out of sight. Thieves will generally pass on a locked vehicle with no merchandise or personal property in plain view.

Several vehicles have also been taken by juveniles wishing to “joy ride”, who may be inexperienced or reckless drivers, potentially causing a hazard to other drivers on the road, as well as damage to the vehicle itself or other property.

Our department has also received many complaints of property which has been stolen from the victim’s porch, to include delivered merchandise, as well as other personal property, including bicycles. Please ensure anything of value which must be left on your porch is properly secured. When possible, schedule deliveries of merchandise when you are likely to be home.

We are asking the public to be more vigilant with locking your vehicles and watching deliveries to your residence. If you see any suspicious activity, such as persons lingering in or near driveways, as well as illuminated dome lights in vehicles you are urged to call the Auburn Police Department at 315-253-3231.