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Crime Prevention Staff Educate Fans in Theft Prevention

SUMMARY: Where people gather, so will thieves. Crime Prevention Staff work to help
game day fans protect their property.

The Eugene Police Department wants to remind citizens that though they can’t control the
outcome of the football game, they can play a role in protecting their property while they cheer
on their team. Any event that draws a crowd entices thieves to test their luck with property left in
unattended vehicles.

Last year, car break-ins around parking lots on game days near Autzen Stadium jumped
significantly to 50 incidents. There were 15 in 2010, and 8 in 2009.

To combat the increase in theft seen at large events, staff from the Eugene Police Crime
Prevention Unit has been hard at work to help fans stay one step ahead of the crooks.
Outreaches have been made to all of the outlying lots that offer private parking for the football
games and they have been equipped with flyers to hand out to patrons as they enter the lot.
LTD will also be passing out flyers at each of their park and ride locations offering football
shuttles to the game. All told, 16,000 flyers have been distributed to help game attendees.

Staff from the Crime Prevention Unit will also be on patrol helping to provide additional eyes and
ears to keep thieves at bay and educating tailgaters about the risk of leaving property
unattended.

The biggest thing fans should remember is if you don’t plan on taking items with you into the
stadium, then don’t bring them with you to the parking lot.###