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**Spencer’s Butte Vehicle Break-ins**

We have been getting at least three calls every day from owners of vehicles who have had their cars broken into and items stolen. This trend started about 2-3 weeks ago in the Spencer's Butte parking lot and most of the thefts have happened in the hours near dusk until 10 p.m.

If you happen to notice a suspicious subject or have information about the thefts, call Eugene Police at 541.682.5131.

By incorporating the tips below people who use the park can help protect themselves from unwanted surprises when they return to their vehicles.

**THEFT PREVENTION TIPS:**

- Remove all items (and any extra items such as backpacks and purses that may tempt thieves even if there are no valuables inside) from the car prior to leaving home.
- Secure vehicles by rolling up the windows and locking doors (even on a hot day – it is better to take a few minutes to air out a hot car than to discover a theft)
- Utilize a theft prevention device (e.g. The Club)
- DON’T LEAVE ANYTHING IN YOUR CAR UNATTENDED

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