

## **Crime Prevention Tip for June 06/25/12**

### Theft from Vehicle Prevention

During the month of June the Joplin Police Department would like to offer some tips on preventing thefts from vehicles.

Thefts from vehicles are a crime that increases during the summer months each year. With the warmer weather come more outdoor activities and also more opportunities for thieves to take advantage of stealing your property. It is important for vehicle owners to take some time to help prevent these crimes from occurring. The Joplin Police Department would like to offer the following tips to help prevent this crime:

- Lock your vehicle. Many times, thieves are looking for vehicles that are unlocked to steal from because they are an easier target. If the vehicle is unlocked then they don't have to break out a window which causes noise.
- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle. If you have to leave valuables in your vehicle then do not leave them where they can be seen. If the thief does not see anything of value in your vehicle, then they are likely to move on to another vehicle. Place your valuables in the trunk of your car or under the seat.
- Do not leave GPS units in plain view.
- Make sure that all traceable property is documented, so if it is stolen, it can be entered into the computer system as stolen.