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La sécurité de notre communauté, un travail d'équipe*

## **Alert!**

### ***Theft From Vehicle Concerns:***

Issue: Recently, several thefts from vehicles have been reported in the Trailwest and Bridlewood area. Historically, there is a marked increase in thefts from vehicles in residential communities and from store parking lots in December.

#### ***What you can do – General Safety Tips:***

- Remove valuables and shopping bags from view. This includes loose change and electronic devices such as iPods, cell phones and GPS navigation systems.
- Never leave your vehicle running and unattended.
- Never leave your car or house keys in your vehicle.
- Park in well lit and secure areas with pedestrian traffic when possible
- When returning to your vehicle carrying bags, place them in trunk, and then drive away to a different parking spot if shopping is not completed.

Pop quiz: The Question:

Thefts from vehicles are a citywide crime trend. From the scenarios below, which vehicle is at risk?

- a) An unlocked vehicle with a GPS on the dash.
- b) A locked vehicle with a wallet sitting on the passenger seat.
- c) A locked vehicle parked on a poorly lit street with minimal pedestrian traffic.
- d) They are all at risk.

The Answer:

***• The right answer is D. Thefts from vehicles are a crime of opportunity and can happen anywhere, and at any time. It is therefore important to take as many preventative measures as possible to try and safeguard yourself from becoming a victim.***

***“All Valuables Removed” Warning cards are available at  
Community Police Centres, Ottawa Police stations’ Information  
Desks, and by request at [pia@ottawapolice.ca](mailto:pia@ottawapolice.ca).***

***If you have any additional questions or concerns, please  
contact the Kanata/Stittsville Community Police Center  
613-236-1222 X 2001***

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