

Thieves target unlocked vehicles in Port

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A 70-year-old Port Washington man reported to police Saturday that approximately \$300 in cash was taken from his unlocked vehicle while it was parked in the driveway of his house in the 1500 block of Scott Road overnight.

It was the most recent incident in which thieves and vandals have targeted unlocked vehicles.

Roughly a half-dozen incidents of thefts from vehicles have been reported in June, Police Chief Kevin Hingiss said.

“I would like to stop this before it gets worse,” he said. “The best way for people to avoid this is to lock their cars at night or, at the very least, make sure there are no valuables left in the car.”

In some cases, Hingiss said, thieves have used unlocked side garage doors to access vehicles during the night.

On June 18, a 43-year-old woman reported that someone entered a vehicle parked overnight at her house in the 400 block of Grand Avenue. Items from the vehicle were strewn in the street, but nothing was taken, she said.

Two years ago, the city was hit with a spate of thefts from unlocked vehicles during the summer months. Thieves took everything from small electronics to sunglasses and spare change in more than 30 cases reported from May to September 2011.

In other police news:

- A group of young adults were warned by police after they were reported to be on the roof of the Ozaukee County Administration Center, 121 W. Main St.

They told police they were participating in parkour, a free-walking activity in which people try to move with maximum efficiency while negotiating obstacles.

The officer told the youths that if they don't own the property, they should stay off.

- Police received a call at 10:45 a.m. June 16 from a person locked in the bathroom on the north side of Old Theatre Square, 116 W. Grand Ave. The handle to the room was apparently broken, and there was no one else in the building to help, the person told police.

Officers brought in a carpenter to remove the handle and trim and free the caller.