



# **NORTHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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## **Press Release**

### **Theft from Vehicles/Burglaries May 11, 2020**

In light of several recent events, the Northfield Police Department would like to remind residents to keep their vehicles and homes locked.

In the last several weeks, there have been incidents of persons rummaging through vehicles and taking items, entering garages, and entering homes. In one set of incidents on May 2, a suspect entered at least four unlocked homes in succession. In response, police sent an Everbridge Alert to the affected area of the city. There were no injuries related to the incidents. Police have identified a suspect and are seeking charges.

Northfield Police are asking residents to follow these suggestions and remind neighbors, friends, and relatives of them as well. Keep in mind the majority of these incidents are crimes of opportunity:

- Do not leave valuables in vehicles, and if you must leave items of value in vehicles, store the items out of sight.
- Lock all vehicles when unattended - Period.
- Lock all doors and windows on your house or apartment.
- Make sure overhead garage doors are closed/locked, and lock any/all walk-in doors to garages. Many of these burglaries take place when suspects enter unlocked garages to look for items to steal from garages or vehicles in garages.
- If you observe suspicious persons, regardless of time of day, please report to the Northfield Police Department immediately.
- Remember that some suspects target homes during daytime hours, checking doors, or knocking at doors and providing bogus excuses if someone answers the door. If no one answers, they enter, or attempt to enter the home looking for cash, jewelry, small electronics, and/or prescription drugs.

These crimes are largely preventable. Please follow the listed suggestions and talk to people in your neighborhood about these concerns.

Report crimes or suspicious persons to Northfield Police immediately at 507-645-4475 or 911.