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Warnings to residents to lock car doors go unheeded

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Potential thieves check for unlocked doors, seen here in surveillance photo. Photo provided

gain access into a garage. "Jaimes told officers that she regularly goes out looking for unlocked vehicles from which to steal things," King added.

Crimes of opportunity, such as this, come as a result of negligence and are on the rise in Moraga. MPD is compiling January statistics, and King confirmed, "It appears that property crimes have increased over the same period in 2019." If the town is seen as an easy target by thieves, King says it could invite additional crimes in the form of residential burglaries.

Besides making sure to lock cars and homes, remember to hide items such as gym bags, purses, wallets, keys, brief cases, phones or laptops in secure places like a trunk. Visible garage door openers can give thieves not only entry into your garage but your home if also unlocked. Pay attention to any strangers in your neighborhood prowling around cars or homes in the middle of the night.

"All of these crimes are easily prevented by residents locking vehicles and ensuring that valuables are not left unattended in vehicles," King concluded.

If anyone has any information or notices any suspicious activity contact MPD at (925) 888-7055.

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