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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE-

DON'T BECOME A VICTIM

The Newton Police Department is reporting that from January 1, 2010 to February 21, 2010 a total of (58) total vehicles were broken into. *That's in comparison to (17) during the same time frame last year.* Of the (58) vehicles, (42) were unlocked and most were in the victim's own driveway. (8) Incident's involved breaking a window, and (7) of those were in commercial parking lots. Out of the (58) incidents, (18)-GPS units were stolen and most notably, in (17) incidents, change or nothing at all was taken.

These incidents are often deemed "Crimes of Opportunity". You can partner with us, by doing the following:

REMEMBER VEHICLES-

- Always lock your vehicle
- Remove laptops and cell phones
- Remove GPS devices from your car
- Remove any GPS mounts or suction cups
- Wipe area of circles caused by suction cups
- Remove purses, wallets, briefcases, jewelry and money

HOMES-

- Always lock your home
- Have your house number visible from the street, to assist emergency responders
- Have shrubbery trimmed to the window line, so it does not obstruct your view outside
- Have motion lights outside your home
- Have lights on timers when not at home
- Notify post office to hold mail / Have newspapers held by neighbor or not delivered
- Have a phone within your reach in case of an emergency

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