

Media Alert
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**Press Conference: Crimestoppers GNO, NOPD, Mayors Office of Criminal Justice
Coordination and N.O. City Council**

In the Greater New Orleans Metropolitan area, over 6,800 car burglaries occurred in 2018 – the majority (nearly 70%) taking advantage of unlocked vehicles. A report by the National Insurance Crime Bureau reveals auto theft occurs every 33 seconds in the United States.

It is often difficult for police to track down car thieves, and even more challenging to retrieve stolen property. Crimestoppers offers the following tips to help prevent auto burglary:

- Remove firearms and secure them in your home/business
- Conceal your valuables in the trunk of your vehicle prior to arriving at your destination.
- Always roll up all windows and lock your vehicle doors; unlocked doors are easy access for thieves. Never leave your keys inside your vehicle.
- Activate car alarm system
- Always attempt to park in well-lit areas.
- Call 911

The Lock It or Lose It campaign will include advertisement through yard signs, crime prevention post cards, television, radio, print and social media. Materials are available by contacting **Crimestoppers at 504-837-8477**.

Here are the top 10 items most likely to be stolen from vehicles (Not in any particular order...)

1. Music Players such as the car stereo, iPod's etc.
2. Media Devices like handheld gaming systems, and cell phones
3. Portable GPS systems
4. Car Registration – This is especially dangerous considering it has personal information, like your address, on it and if the thief also takes your **garage door opener** or **house key**...
5. Garage Door Opener or House Keys – A scary combination if the culprit also has your address from your **registration**.
6. Third Row Seats
7. Rims and Tires
8. Truck Tailgate
9. License Plate/Tags
10. Catalytic Converters – An easy steal that yields a resell profit due to precious metals

www.wallawallavalleyhonda.com/top-10-items-stolen-cars

Recent stats from the NOPD illustrate the volume of car burglaries in the Metro New Orleans Area: (as of July 24, 2019)

Category	1 st District	2 nd District	3 rd District	4 th District	5 th District	6 th District	7 th District	8 th District
Car Burglaries	466/205 +127%	346/243 +42%	652/329 +98%	200/168 +19%	302/186 +62%	359/253 +42%	946/407 +132%	243/164 +48%
Car Thefts	217/196 +11%	120/182 -34%	243/262 -7%	82/92 -11%	243/269 -10%	144/154 -6%	406/350 +16%	109/68 +60%
Guns Stolen	43	13	35	13	--	21	30	40
# of Guns Stolen from unlocked vehicles	16	5	23	13	--	--	--	--
Statistics Source: NOPD MAX Data Site (YTD figures)								