

# Safety Bulletin: Motor Vehicle Trespass & Theft

Community Protection Division  
Boulder County District Attorney's Office



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The District Attorney's Office is reminding community members that increased property crimes are a matter of significant public concern.



Throughout Colorado, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a dramatic increase in property crimes including motor vehicle thefts and car trespasses. These thefts tend to disproportionately impact the most vulnerable members of our community because older model cars have fewer anti-theft features.



There are likely a number of reasons behind these increases throughout the state. The pandemic has caused an additional financial strain on many members of the community, including a lack of treatment for those struggling with substance abuse disorder, and fewer people are outside and on the street that would deter these crimes from taking place.



Boulder County continues to experience similar increases in car thefts and trespasses as seen throughout Colorado.

## What to do:

The Community Protection Division (CPD) of the District Attorney's Office advises community members to be alert to these property crimes, and offers the following safety tips to prevent losing money or personal property:



- Lock your car doors. Many of these offenses are committed by offenders simply checking for unlocked cars.



- Firearms should never be left in a vehicle overnight.
- Do not leave valuables in sight.
- Never leave your car running and unattended (which may also violate Colorado's anti-"puffing" law).



- If you are able to do so, park in a well-lit area.
- Ensure you have your license plate and VIN documented.



- If you see anything or anyone suspicious looking into or around cars, call 911 immediately.



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