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CAR BURGARS TARGET NORTH END NEIGHBORHOOD

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office is investigating a rash of car burglaries that took place over the weekend in the Border Creek Subdivision area near Crestview.

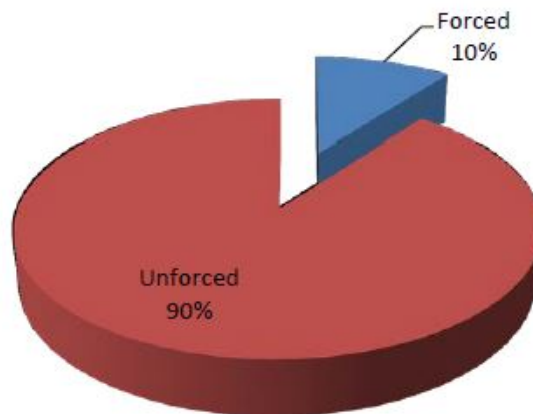
At least eight unlocked cars were targeted and thieves got away with cash, sunglasses, a laptop computer, and more in the break-ins along Border Creek Road and North Brook Drive overnight Saturday.

Deputies also a car was stolen from 2941 Barton Road as well. The owner says the red 1996 Ford F-150 was locked but the keys were left in the ignition. The truck has a black push bumper in the front, Florida Gator bumper stickers on the rear, and a North Carolina Tag CMB8602.

In addition, the Crestview Police Department recovered a stolen car that had been found wrecked. The owners said that car was unlocked and also had the keys inside.

Investigators say ninety percent of the 725 car burglaries that took place between August 2014 and August 2015 were to unlocked cars. Seventy-one guns were taken during those car burglaries. Another seven guns were stolen when thieves took 237 vehicles during that same time frame.

Vehicle Burglaries August 1, 2014 - July 29, 2015



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Sheriff Larry Ashley says the number of stolen weapons now on the street from burglaries to unlocked cars is a concern.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hu50rMALJh4&feature=youtu.be>

The OCSO continues to encourage residents and visitors to Lock Your Cars, Take Your Keys, and Hide Your Belongings.



In the meantime, anyone with information on the car burglaries or car thefts is asked to contact the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office at 850-689-5705 or Emerald Coast Crime Stoppers at 850-863-TIPS, emeraldcoastcrimestoppers.com, or by texting "Tip214 plus your message" to CRIMES (274637).

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