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Don't make it a happy holiday for car thieves

Texans can protect themselves from motor vehicle crimes

(AUSTIN, Texas – December 14, 2022) Don't let the Grinch – or auto burglars and thieves – steal your joy this holiday season. The risk of having your car or valuables stolen increases while shopping and traveling during the holidays. The Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) reminds Texans: "If You Like It – Lock It."

Texans can adopt simple habits to protect themselves from the threat of motor vehicle crime:

- Lock your vehicle and take your keys.
- Never leave your vehicle running unattended, even if you will only be away for a moment.
- Hide or remove valuables from your vehicle.
- Contact law enforcement immediately if you see anything suspicious or if your car is stolen.

"By remaining vigilant, Texans can protect their vehicles and what's inside," said MVCPA Chairman and Laredo Assistant Chief of Police Mike Rodriguez. "Don't let criminals disrupt your life and damage your vital sense of security in the community."

Every year, motorists and businesses in Texas experience nearly two billion dollars in losses due to motor vehicle burglary and theft. For more information about how to protect your vehicle and property, visit MVCPA online at www.TxDmv.gov/motorists/consumer-protection/auto-theft-prevention.

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The Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) is a program within the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. The Texas Legislature established MVCPA in 1991 to combat motor vehicle theft, burglary, and fraud-related motor vehicle crime in Texas. This is the 29th year the authority has issued funding. For more information about how to protect yourself from motor vehicle crime, visit MVCPA at www.TxDmv.gov/about-us/MVCPA.

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