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## CRIME PREVENTION NEWSLETTER JUNE 2019



School is finally letting out for the summer and plans for summer vacation are being finalized. Don't forget however, that criminals are always ready to put a damper on your otherwise well laid plan for a great vacation. Before heading out make sure that you lock all doors, garage included. If you are a Jeffersontown resident stop by the police station to request a House Watch form before leaving on vacation. Have the post office hold your mail, and ask a trusted family member or friend to also keep

an eye on things. Consider using timers on your lights in your home to give the impression that someone is home. And, please do not advertise on social media that you will be away from home!! Enjoy your trip and post the photos when you return.

While you are on vacation, always keep your hotel room locked. Do not let your guard down, be observative of your surroundings while traveling. Do not go out alone, travel in groups in well-traveled areas, and plan your route ahead of time. Secure your belongings, and never hang your purse or backpack on the back of your chair. And, do not leave wallets or valuables inside your car or rental car. Secure everything inside the trunk if headed to the beach.

Criminals can and will ruin your perfect vacation if you give them the opportunity. Remember, if you manage and remove the opportunity to commit crime, you can easily prevent the hassle and heartache of becoming a victim.

## Scammers and Scoundrels

One of the biggest hassles that criminals cause is having to cancel your credit or debit card after it is hacked. If you are also on vacation when this occurs, it could cause major headaches if you, like most people, use your card for everything. A very simple and strategic way to combat this problem is to get a credit card from your bank with a defined limit to be used only when you travel, and for online purchases. Make sure the card is not a debit card linked to your bank account that you use to pay bills. For example, if the credit card has a \$5000 credit limit, that amount is through the credit card not your bank account. That way, if the card is stolen or compromised, it will not drain your account when used fraudulently. It takes time for your bank to sort through the situation, and you could be stranded away from home while this is happening. Stay one step ahead of the scammers, and remember that knowledge is power.



## Crime Trends this Month

Burglary (shed) - 9200 block of Taylorsville Road  
Theft from vehicle - 1900 block of Production Drive  
Criminal Mischief - Robsion Road  
Break-in to storage units - Ruckriegel Parkwy, Taylorsville Road  
Attempt theft motorcycle - Pavilion Tarrace  
Reckless Driving - Old Six Mile Lane

*Emergency call 911*

*To report a crime call (502) 267-0503*

*Any questions concerning Block Watch programs,  
contact Community Resource Officer Felicia Burba  
at the Jeffersontown Police Department  
(502) 267-0505*

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