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Rash of auto break-ins hits Holden

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Police are warning residents to keep a close eye on their vehicles after a series of car breaks this week in the Fox Hill area and the Maze neighborhood off Lovell Rd.

The thieves are getting into unlocked cars and nabbing items such as GPS units, MP3 players, purses, wallets, cell phones, laptops, cash, CDs and keys.

"It usually starts up this time of year. We have made arrests in the past. Sometimes it's local people and sometimes it's outsiders," Police Chief George Sherrill said.

Residents should close car windows and lock all doors and hatchbacks whenever their vehicle is unattended, especially overnight.

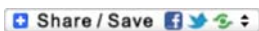
A credit card stolen during one break-in was used in Worcester and police are examining a security camera photo showing its use, Sherrill said.

If someone suspects their car has been broken into, police should be notified immediately, even if nothing appears to be missing.

"If a thief takes a CD and some change, you may not even notice it. But any information can be useful to us," Sherrill said.

If residents see or hear anything suspicious, they are urged to call Holden police at any time at 508-829-4444.

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