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Press Release

On 12/5/19 at approximately 8:00am, Guilford Police Officers began responding to a series of car burglaries to unlocked vehicles, in addition to a stolen vehicle, at various locations around Guilford. Cars were entered during the overnight hours and several residents provided home surveillance footage which showed the suspects on their properties between 2:00am and 3:00am. Areas targeted were Church St, New England Rd, Kim Court and Saw Mill Rd.

As with prior Guilford cases, the videos show the suspects running up to the vehicles in the driveways and trying the door handles of each car. If the vehicle doors are unsecured, the suspects enter the car and look for anything of value. If the vehicle is locked, the thieves move on in an effort to locate an unlocked car. Unlocked cars provide easy targets for thieves as they can enter the vehicle quietly, often undetected by residents or neighbors, and take items from inside the vehicle in just a few seconds before moving on to the next unlocked vehicle.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind the public that this type of crime happens everywhere, and the best defense of your vehicle is to be on the offense and lock your cars. It is also important to not leave keys, key fobs or items of value in your vehicles. With a little effort of consistently locking doors, we can prevent these property crimes from happening.

If you have information regarding these vehicle burglaries, please contact the Guilford Police at 203-453-8061 or the anonymous tip line 203-453-8240.