Campus Watch

The Pima Community College Police Department has received several reports of stolen vehicles from the Desert Vista Campus. The incidents occurred November 22 – December 2, 2010 between the hours of 8:15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. We would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to utilize good theft prevention practices. Listed below are several safety tips you should keep in mind, and remember to report any suspicious persons or activities that you may see by dialing 206-2700 or 9-1-1.

**Person of interest**

A possible suspect described as a male in his 30’s with long dark hair may be involved in the thefts.

**Theft Prevention Tips**

- Lock your car - half of all vehicles stolen are left unlocked.
- Take your keys - nearly 20% of all vehicles stolen have the keys in them. Close all windows and lock the trunk and hood.
- Utilize a steering wheel or brake locking device.
- Obtain Vehicle Identification Number etching on your windows.
- Install an alarm system that will sound when someone attempts to break in, move, tilt, or start your vehicle. Always activate the system when leaving the vehicle.
- Check your vehicle if you hear the alarm sound. But don’t try to stop a person attempting to break in. Get a good description of the person and call 206-2700 or 9-1-1.
- Don’t leave spare keys in your vehicle. An experienced thief knows all the hiding places. Store spare keys in your wallet.
- If you discover that your vehicle has been stolen, notify law enforcement immediately. Speed is essential in recovering stolen cars; any delay in reporting only helps the thieves. Be prepared to provide the vehicle's make, model, color, license plate number, and VIN (Vehicle Identification Number).
- Keep a photocopy of your vehicle registration and insurance card in your wallet or at home. This will enable you to provide information quickly to law enforcement and your insurance claims agent.