
NEWS RELEASE



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Jupiter Police Partners with Local Gas Stations on Theft Prevention

July 28, 2008 – In our continued effort to bring awareness to the community, the Jupiter Police Department has developed theft prevention awareness stickers to be placed on gas pumps throughout our Town. As an extension of our victim assisted crime prevention program, “Lock it” and “1+1=10”, we are alerting the public of theft prevention measures to take when fueling their vehicle at local gas stations.

The theft of personal belongings from unattended vehicles at gas stations is increasing. This crime is not isolated to our community but is being experienced nationwide. You will find out how quickly this crime can occur by watching the video, attached to this release, of an incident that occurred recently in Jupiter. The theft of a purse from an unsecured vehicle can take place in less than 3 seconds. This theft can result in further victimization of identity theft and/or credit card fraud.

Through cooperation from many of our local gas stations, these stickers will be placed visibly on the gas pumps by our officers and store owners during the coming weeks. As with our on-going campaigns, we are reminding the community to secure their vehicle whenever fueling at a gas station. Remove or secure valuables if leaving your vehicle unattended for any period of time. Through this awareness campaign we hope to decrease these victim assisted crimes within our community.

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