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1 Gun Stolen out of Vehicles in Tacoma Every 48 Hours

Tacoma, Wash. – The Tacoma Police Department is asking gun owners to help reduce the number of firearms being stolen from vehicles by practicing responsible gun ownership. A gun is stolen out of a vehicle in Tacoma every 48 hours.

Gun owners can help prevent these thefts by taking the following precautions:

- Do not leave firearms in your vehicle
- Keep firearms secured and follow safe handling procedures
- Keep firearms out of the hands of juveniles.

In 2022, 202 guns were stolen out of vehicles in Tacoma. Between January 1 and January 22, 2023, 10 guns have been reported stolen out of vehicles. Those numbers are only thefts of firearms from vehicle prowls, it does not include those firearms stolen during motor vehicle thefts.

“Stolen guns are finding their way into the hands of juveniles and are being used in violent crimes,” said Tacoma Chief of Police Avery L. Moore. “Many of these firearms are stolen in vehicle prowls. By not leaving firearms unattended in your vehicle, you are helping us keep guns out of the hands of juveniles.”

If you are the victim of a theft in which a firearm is stolen, please call 911 if it is in progress, otherwise call (253) 287-4455. Firearm thefts cannot be done online.

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