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### **Rockford Police Report Uptick in Honda Vehicle Thefts**

Rockford, IL – Following continuing reports of auto thefts, the Rockford Police Department urges citizens to engage in proactive vehicle safety protocols.

While theft reports regarding early model minivans such as the Dodge Caravan have decreased, there has been a recent increase in reports of stolen mid-to-late '90s Honda Civic, Accord and CRX models. Recent incidents have taken place on residential streets, driveways and alleys, most commonly between 8:00 p.m. – 3:00 a.m.

Rockford Police, with the assistance of other local law enforcement agencies, have made recent arrests that have cleared several of these thefts, and encourage citizens to reduce the likelihood of vehicle thefts by taking the following precautions to protect their vehicles:

- Never leave your running vehicle unattended.
- Always have keys to your vehicle on your person.
- Keep all vehicle doors and windows locked.
- Park in well-lit, populated areas (or in your home garage, if applicable).
- Remove or conceal from plain sight items of value including plug-in electronic devices (e.g., GPS, iPod, etc.).
- Utilize available anti-theft systems and devices (e.g., car alarm, horn, steering-wheel lock, electronic technology, etc.).

Contact the Rockford Police Department at 815-966-2900 to report a stolen vehicle.

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