

# Ardmore Police Department



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## Thieves Targeting Unlocked Vehicles

A weekend rash of auto burglaries has Investigators reminding the public to **lock their vehicles**.

Between the hours of 6:00pm Friday, 13 January to 7:00am Monday, 16 January, Ardmore Police took eight auto burglary reports in reference to 11 different vehicles being entered by an unknown, unauthorized person. The incidents appear to be concentrated in a geographic area between North Commerce and North Washington, South of Maxwell.

In seven of the incidents, the victims told officers their vehicles were unlocked at the time of the thefts. The eighth incident involved property being taken from the open bed of a parked pickup truck.

The perpetrator may be attracted by electronics or other valuables left in open sight inside the vehicle. He gains easy access when he discovers the vehicle is unlocked and unattended. In one instance the victim interrupted the burglary in progress. The victim told officers he approached his vehicle and discovered a man rifling through compartments inside. The suspect then pointed a gun at the victim and threatened to shoot him, prompting the victim to run back inside his home. The suspect took off on foot. It was later determined the handgun brandished by the suspect actually belonged to the victim, and was stolen from the center console of his vehicle. The gun is thought to have been unloaded at the time.

The suspect is described as a male with a dark complexion, approximately six feet tall and weighing 180 pounds. He was wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt, and was last seen running eastbound on 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW. His name may be "Raul."

If you have any information regarding the whereabouts of this individual, you are asked to contact the Ardmore Police Investigative Services Division at 221-2569.

### INCIDENT LOCATIONS

