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Police Investigating Increased Car Break Ins

Albany Police are investigating an increase in motor vehicle break ins over the past week and are reminding motorists when they leave their vehicle unattended to remove any electronic or personal items from inside the car.

Car owners have reported 13 incidents in which their car windows were broken and in nine of the incidents items inside the car have been stolen between March 13 and 16.

During that four day period parked cars have had been broken into from Madison Avenue near Washington Park to Ontario Street north of Washington Avenue. (See attached map)

Out of the nine in which items were stolen from the vehicles seven involved a GPS navigation system, iPod, or satellite radio.

In two of the incidents officers found a brick and a spark plug, which were used to break the car window, inside the vehicle.

The thefts are occurring mostly during the evening hours and two possible suspects were described in at least two of the incidents. They were described as black males, 14-15 years old and approximately 5'4" and 140 lbs.

Motorists should regularly follow simple crime prevention tips that can help safeguard your vehicle from being targeted.