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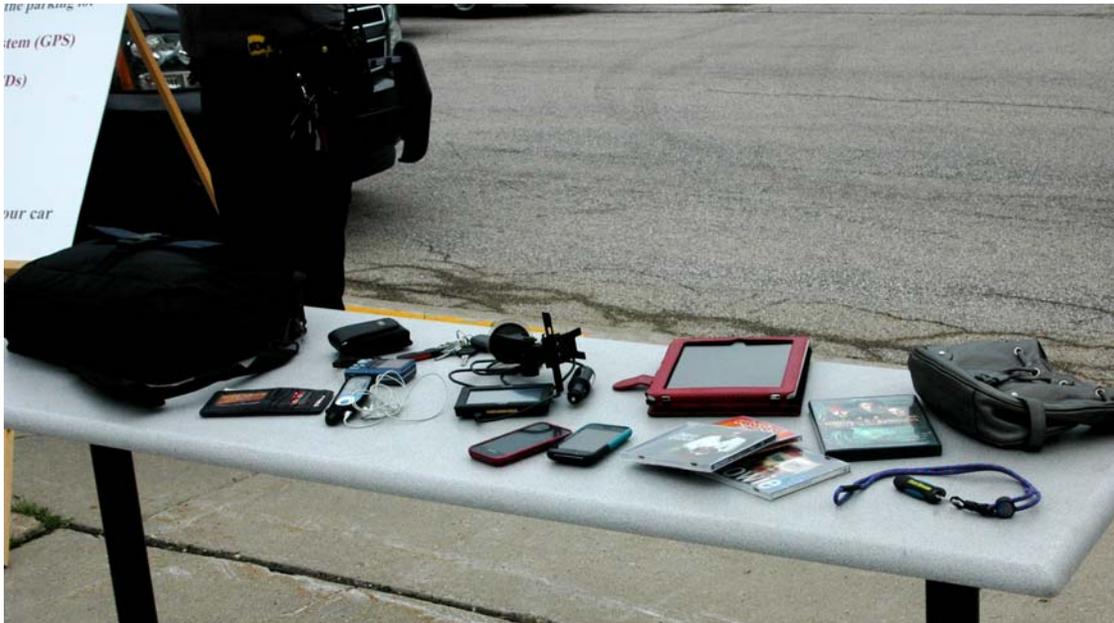
# Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Park & Ride Safety: Hide It, Lock It, Keep It**



Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. is issuing a reminder to Park & Ride lot users to take precautions to help prevent theft of any valuables left in their cars.

“I do not want your Summerfest experience to be ruined when you return to the park and ride lot and discover that your car was broken into. Leave those valuables at home, or place them out of view.”

Sheriff Clarke is urging the lot users to use common sense precautions to reduce their chances of being victimized. The Park & Ride lots provide an inexpensive and convenient way to attend Summerfest and other festivals at the lakefront. Thieves know the users of these lots will be gone for a long period of time, and see the vehicles as crimes of opportunity.

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Popular items for thieves to easily steal include GPS mapping systems, laptop computers, iPads and iPods, satellite radios, cameras, cell phones, purses, wallets, radar detectors, DVDs, and money – including change left in cup holders and center consoles. Thieves will “**smash and grab**” these items if they are visible through the car windows.

The sheriff has ordered undercover and uniformed patrols, along with web-based surveillance cameras that can be viewed in real time. People need to do their part and “**Hide it, lock it, keep it.**” **Hide** valuables in trunk, under seat or in glove box before you arrive at the lot. Thieves watch for where people are hiding valuables. **Lock** your car, roll up windows and close sunroofs – don’t make it easy for the thief. Do these things and you’ll **keep** your valuables.

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