



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**October 14, 2016**

**On October 12, 2016 the Hinsdale Police Department responded to 15 calls for service related to car burglaries that had occurred overnight. Victims reported that sometime between 10PM on October 11, 2016 and 6AM on the morning of October 12, that several items were removed from vehicles that were left unlocked and either parked in a driveway or on the street in front of their residence. Items were taken in eight of the 15 incidents and included a Mac Book computer, an iPad, backpack (containing a wallet), sunglasses, and loose coins that had been left in the vehicles. The general area where these crimes occurred was in the southeast section of Hinsdale.**

**Police Chief Kevin Simpson is requesting help from residents regarding this most recent string of incidents, "Our community and residents are very resourceful and I'm asking that anyone who may have a security camera on their property review their storage to see if there is any information available that may aid with our investigation." Simpson said.**

**Since the start of the year, Hinsdale, along with many Chicagoland suburbs, has experienced an increase in stolen autos. Information developed at that time suggested these vehicles were being used in the commission of other serious crimes in the City of Chicago. On occasion following these incidents, reports were received that unlocked cars were entered and valuables were missing. Simpson stressed that it would be premature to assume that these recent**

**incidents are directly related to what occurred this past summer. “It’s important to recognize that these are very different crimes and it’s too early in the investigation to say that these recent incidents are somehow related”, Simpson stated.**

**“Our officers are well informed and very diligent in their efforts to prevent and apprehend these offenders. Patrol tactics have been altered based on intelligence and we will continue to work with surrounding agencies to take the necessary steps address this activity”, Simpson added.**

**As a reminder, the Hinsdale Police Department is urging the community to remove valuables from the interior of your vehicles and lock the doors, particularly during the overnight hours. By simply locking your vehicle, you can protect yourself from becoming a victim of this type of crime.**

**“Our residents need to be informed with what’s occurring in their neighborhoods so they can take the proper precautions and lock their vehicles and be vigilant in reporting suspicious activity in their neighborhoods.”, said Chief Simpson. “A vigilant and informed public is our best defense in stopping this recent rash of cars being entered.”**

**Residents are encouraged to report suspicious activity by dialing 911 and allowing police officers to investigate the matter.**

**If you should have any questions or have information related to the recent activity, please contact the Hinsdale Police Department at 630-789-7070.**