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The holiday season has arrived. Generally, we see an increase in property crimes (such as thefts and burglaries) this time of year. Below are safety tips to keep in mind, whether at home or out shopping.

Safety Tips for the Holiday Season:

- When parking your vehicle to go shopping, always park in a well lit and traveled area. Do not park in dark or remote locations.
- Never leave your car unoccupied with the motor running or with children inside.
- Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car. This creates a temptation for thieves. If you must leave something in the car, lock it in the trunk or put it out of sight.
- If you go to an automatic teller machine for cash, make sure it is well lit, in a safe location and be aware of other people in the area.
- While shopping or walking to and from your vehicle, be aware of your surroundings. Walk with your head up and be observant. People who exude confidence are less likely to be a victim of crime.
- Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home as this too creates temptation for thieves.
- If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member.
- Carry only the credit cards you need and avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- When leaving your house for any length of time, be extra cautious about locking windows, sliders, and doors.
- If you travel out of the area during the holiday season have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers and mail.
- If you plan on attending a holiday party and consuming alcoholic beverages please pre-plan your transportation home.
- If you see suspicious activity please telephone Dixon Police Department (Dispatch) at 707-678-7080 or if you witness an emergency call 911.

Thank you and have a happy and safe holiday season.