



RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

# Region Six NEWS

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## REMINDER

FEBRUARY IS  
NATIONAL  
CHILD SAFETY  
MONTH

A Note from the  
Editor:

We are always seeking new ways of helping you. This email is just one of those.

However, if you no longer wish to receive it please reply and let us know.

## DON'T BECOME A VICTIM

Some of you may have received a "You Could Have Been A Victim" notice on your cars recently. Deputies have been issuing these notices particularly on those cold mornings when you start your car to let it warm up and go back into your home to finish getting ready for the day. We have had several citizens tell us "I lock my car doors and use a spare key" or "I'm only in the house for a few minutes". Statistics show that it takes about the same amount of time for someone to steal your car as it does to go inside and get a cup of coffee. That is alarming! After all, it took the deputy who issued the notice less than two minutes to stop at your house, write the notice, place it on your car and leave and most of you were unaware that he/she was even there. So if you did or if you should receive one of these notices, remember that it is just a friendly reminder from us that you could have been a victim of having your car stolen right out of your yard.

Recently we have also seen a number of "Theft From Motor Vehicles" occurring in our area. These are usually crimes of opportunity where a subject sees something of value in your car and decides to make it his/her own. These are easy crimes to prevent. Laptop computers and purses have been prime targets in the past but all valuables should be out of plain view. Also keeping your doors lock will slow a thief down. Remember, park in areas of high visibility and make entry into your car more difficult.

## SPOTLIGHT



**Sergeant M. Pritchett**

Sgt. Pritchett has more than 10 years with the department and is retired from the US Army. He is one of two Sergeants assigned to Region 6.



## SAFETY & PREVENTION

# A Message from the C.A.T.



**Vehicle Theft** is a frequently reported crime. Statistics show that about every 27 seconds, a motor vehicle is stolen in the United States. **Theft from Motor Vehicle** is also frequently reported crime in our area. These are usually crimes of opportunity that can be prevented. Here are some steps that you can take to prevent becoming a victim of these crimes.

- Never leave your car running, even if you will only be gone for a minute. Vehicles are commonly stolen at convenience stores, gas stations, ATM's, etc. Many vehicles are also stolen on cold mornings when the owner leaves the vehicle running to warm up. Leaving your key in an unattended motor vehicle is a crime in some states.
- Always take your keys. Never leave them in the car. Nearly 20% of all vehicles stolen had the keys in them.
- Always lock your car. The majority of all vehicles stolen were left unlocked.
- Never hide a second set of keys in your car. Extra keys can easily be found if a car thief takes time to look.

- Park in well-lighted areas. Many vehicle thefts and theft from vehicles occur at night.
- Park in attended lots. Auto thieves do not like witnesses and prefer unattended parking lots.
- Don't make your car a more desirable target and attract thieves by leaving valuables in plain sight. Lock all valuables in the trunk or take them inside.

For more information of Vehicle Theft visit: [www.auto-theft.info](http://www.auto-theft.info)

*The Community Action Team (CAT) is an integral part of each Region. They provide safety and crime prevention training, work with regional deputies to develop long-term solutions to problems in the community and act as a liaison.*

*Deputies L. Croft and S. Stover are the Community Action Team members assigned to Region 6.*

### Important Numbers

- **911:** Emergencies and crimes in progress.
- **252-2911:** Non-emergency reporting such as suspicious activity.
- **929-6000:** Reporting non-criminal issues, such as, street signs, drainage overgrown property, etc.
- **865-8011:** To speak with Region Command.
- **576-3000:** Sheriff's Department Headquarters

# January 2005 Crime Trend Report

ELGIN	12	RESIDENCE	ASSAULT-CDV	SUCC	NONE	
BLYTHEWOOD	11	RESIDENCE	ASSAULT-CDV	SUCC	NONE	
COLA	11	BUSINESS	LARCENY	SUCC	YARD	BUNKERS
CARRIAGE OAKS	12	RESIDENCE	BOT	SUCC	NONE	2000 GALANT
SUMMIT	12	RESIDENCE	VANDALISM	SUCC	PHONE BOX	PHONE LINES
KILLIAN GREEN	12	CHURCH	THEFT	SUCC	WINDOW	1998 FORD
COLUMBIA	12	BUSINESS	VANDALISM	SUCC	WINDOW	1998 DODGE
BLYTHEWOOD	11	RESIDENCE	BURGLARY	SUCC	STORAGE SHED	50 LINE SETS
NLF	12	BUSINESS	THEFT	SUCC	WINDOW	PURSE
ROBIN HEIGHTS	12	RESIDENCE	ASSAULT-CDV	SUCC	NONE	
SUMMIT	12	VEHICLE	VANDALISM	SUCC	WINDOW	
BLYTHEWOOD	11	RESIDENCE	BURGLARY	SUCC	WINDOW	RANGE TOP
PROGRESSIVE CHURCH	12	CHURCH	THEFT	SUCC	WINDOW	PURSE
BLYTHEWOOD	11	CHURCH	THEFT	SUCC	WINDOW	PURSE
BLYTHEWOOD	11	BUSINESS	THEFT	SUCC	WINDOW	CIGARETTES
GREEN ACRES	11	RESIDENCE	SIMPLE ASSAULT	SUCC	NONE	NONE
COLA	12	RESIDENCE	LARCENY	SUCC	YARD	SATELITE DISH
BEARCREEK	12	RESIDENCE	LARCENY	SUCC	NONE	HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
ELGIN	12	BUSINESS	VANDALISM	SUCC	NONE	PROPERTY SIGN
SUMMIT	12	PARK	VANDALISM	SUCC	WINDOW	1997 ESCORT
SUMMIT	12	RESIDENCE	BURGLARY	SUCC	WINDOW	TV,COPIER
CARRIAGE OAKS	12	RESIDENCE	VANDALISM	SUCC	NONE	GRAFFITI'
BLYTHEWOOD	11	RESIDENCE	VANDALISM	SUCC	NONE	1995CHEVY
LAKE CAROLINA	12	RESIDENCE	LARCENY	SUCC	UNK	WEDDING RING SET
WINNSBORO	11	CHURCH	BURGLARY	SUCC	WINDOW	COMPUTER
BLYTHEWOOD	11	UNK	LARCENY	SUCC	UNK	CHECKS
WINNSBORO	11	VEHICLE	THEFT FRON MV	SUCC	VEHICLE	38 CAL HANDGUN
ABINGTON	12	RESIDENCE	BURGLARY	SUCC	REAR DOOR	ASSORTED ITEMS
ELGIN	12	RESIDENCE	SIMPLE ASSAULT	SUCC	NONE	NONE
BRIARCLIFF	12	RESIDENCE	SIMPLE ASSAULT	SUCC	NONE	NONE
WOODLAKE	12	RESIDENCE	VANDALISM	SUCC	NONE	WINDOW PANE
CHIMMNEY RIDGE	12	RESIDENCE	VANDALISM	SUCC	FRONT OF HOME	FRONT DOOR
BLYTHEWOOD	11	RESIDENCE	SIMPLE ASSAULT CDV	SUCC	NONE	NONE
BLYTHEWOOD	11	RESIDENCE	LARCENY	SUCC	VEHICLE	VIOLIN
LAKE CAROLINA	12	RESIDENCE	VANDALISM	SUCC	VEHICLE	NONE
SUMMIT	12	RESIDENCE	VANDALISM	SUCC	YARD	MAILBOX
CLAYTON ESTATES	11	RESIDENCE	VANDALISM	SUCC	DRIVEWAY	VEHICLE
COLONY PARK	12	RESIDENCE	SIMPLE ASSAULT	SUCC	NONE	NONE
WINSLOW	12	RESIDENCE	BURGLARY	SUCC	GARAGE DOOR	PLAYSTATION
BLYTHWOOD	11	BUSINESS	LARCENY	SUCC	VEHICLE	SUITCASES
SUMMIT	12	SCHOOL	LARCENY	SUCC	PARKING LOT	BIKE
BLYTHWOOD	11	BUSINESS	BURGLARY	SUCC	STORAGE UNITS	ASSORTED ITEMS
RICE CREEK	12	RESIDENCE	BURGLARY	SUCC	FRONT DOOR	COMPUTER
NORTH PINES	11	RESIDENCE	VANDALISM	SUCC	YARD	VEHICLE
BLYTHWOOD	11	RESIDENCE	LARCENY	SUCC	YARD	K-9 PUPPIES

ELGIN	12	RESIDENCE	BURGLARY	SUCC	F DOOR	DVD/VCR
WINSLOW	12	RESIDENCE	SIMPLE ASSAULT/CDV	SUCC	HOME`	NONE
SUMMIT	12	RESIDENCE	SIMMPL ASSAULT/CDV	SUCC	HOME`	NONE
CLAYTON ESTATES	11	RESIDENCE	SIMPLE ASSAULT /CDV	SUCC	HOME`	NONE
BLYTHWOOD	12	RESIDENCE	SIMPLE ASSAULT/CDV	SUCC	HOME`	NONE
NORTHSTONE APTS	12	RESIDENCE	LARCENY	SUCC	UNK	JEWELRY
WAVERLY PLACE	12	RESIDENCE	VANDALISM	SUCC	WINDOWS	NONE
BLYTHWOOD	11	RESIDENCE	SIMPLE ASSAULT /CDV	SUCC	HOME`	NONE
PINECREST	12	RESIDENCE	SIMPLE ASSAULT/CDV	SUCC	HOME`	NONE
WINSLOW	12	RESIDENCE	SIMPLE ASSAULT/CDV	SUCC	HOME`	NONE
ELDERS POND	12	RESIDENCE	SIMPLE ASSAULT/CDV	SUCC	HOME`	NONE
HILLRIDGE	12	RESIDENCE	SIMPLE ASSAULT/CDV	SUCC	HOME`	NONE
HIDDEN PINE	12	RESIDENCE	LARCENY	SUCC	HOME`	DIAMOND RING
CARRIAGE OAKS	12	RESIDENCE	VANDALISM	SUCC	HOME`	GRAFFITI`
SUMMIT	12	YARD	LARCENY	SUCC	YARD	BIRD BATH
TURTLE CREEK	12	YARD	VANDALISM	SUCC	YARD	MAILBOX