Vehicle thefts increase in Jackson Co (KAIR)--Vehicle theft cases are on the rise in Jackson County.

Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse, in a news release, said four vehicles have been stolen in Jackson County since January 27.

He said thieves are targeting pickup trucks and SUVS, with the keys left inside some of the vehicles.

On January 27, a 2018 silver Chevy Traverse with Kansas tag number 196GRV was reported stolen near Delia. On January 29, a 2010 blue with silver striped Ford F-150 with Kansas tag 715JDN was stolen near Delia. On February 4, a 2005 white Toyota Tundra with Kansas tag 220KDT was stolen near Mayetta. An attempted theft of a 97 Dodge pickup also occurred on the same date where the vehicle was found moved and stuck on the victim's property near Mayetta. On February 5, a 2007 Black Ford F-150 w/fender flares with Kansas tag 942KWM was stolen from a rural Circleville residence.

According to Morse, some of the thefts have occurred on isolated residential properties while residents were at home.

Morse said vehicles, outbuildings, sheds, and homes should be locked, and residents must be aware of suspicious activity and persons.

He said the quicker the public calls in suspicious activity, the quicker the suspects can be apprehended,

Anyone with information should call the Jackson County Sheriff's Office at 785-364-2251.

Morse said similar crimes are being reported in other surrounding counties where an increase in vehicle thefts have been noted.

He said the thefts are generally taking place late at night or during the early morning hours.

In <u>Atchison County</u>, authorities continue working to solve a number of burglary and theft cases, including the theft of several vehicles.

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