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Vehicle thefts rise in KS

(MSC News)--Vehicle thefts are on the rise in Kansas, with the warning sent that despite the urge to warm that vehicle on a cold winter morning, don't do so if you have to leave the keys inside and the doors unlocked.

That message is delivered by AAA Kansas, which encourages vehicle owners to take simple steps to avoid becoming a victim.

WIBW-TV, citing the latest statistics from the National Insurance Crime Bureau, reports that over 9,000 Kansas residents reported their vehicle stolen in 2020, which amounts to an increase of 15% from 2019. AAA told the TV station that "car theft is a crime of opportunity," and by leaving the keys inside the vehicle it makes it that much easier for thieves. The automobile club tells also tells drivers to keep cars in a sheltered, well lit area, with any theft-prone items kept out of sight.

The top five stolen vehicles in Kansas are full size Ford pickup trucks, full size Chevrolet pickup trucks, full size Dodge pickup trucks, Honda Accords and Honda Civics.

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