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“Thieves make-off with unattended valuables”

Winfield, Carroll County, Maryland, August 12, 2009 ---- Sheriff's deputies are investigating the theft of a laptop and CD's taken from a vehicle parked at South Carroll High School last week. A visitor to the school reported yesterday that he locked the Ford Explorer before entering the school around noon this past Friday, August 7th, but returned a short time later and discovered thieves had entered the vehicle through a partially open window.

The Sheriff's Office is also investigating the theft of an orange Polaris 500 ATV taken from a residence in the 2400 BLK of Bachman Valley Road outside of Manchester. The homeowner returned from a week of vacation yesterday and discovered the ATV missing from the front yard of their home. The two thefts, which do not appear to be related, cost Carroll residents over \$7700 dollars.

The theft of unsecured electronics, tools, cash and other valuables from unlocked vehicles, sheds and homes account for almost three-fourths of serious crime in Carroll last year. Residents are urged to roll-up car windows, lock car doors and remove valuables from site when leaving their home or vehicle unattended; and to report unfamiliar vehicles and persons roaming neighborhoods and parking lots.

The Sheriff's Office investigation continues... Anyone with information about these incidents is asked to contact the Carroll County Sheriff's Office at 410-386-2900, or the Anonymous TIPS Hotline at 1-888-399-TIPP.

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