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### Media Release

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**Re:** Lock It or Lose It Special Operational Plan

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Since 79 percent of vehicle burglaries are contributed to unlocked vehicles, the Hernando County Sheriff's Office has initiated a special operational plan in an effort to reduce the number of vehicle burglaries in Hernando County.

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office will be visiting local automotive service stations to provide "Lock It or Lose It" cling stickers. After a customer receives a service, such as an oil change or a car wash, an employee will provide the customer with a "Lock It or Lose It" cling sticker. This sticker can be placed on the inside of the customer's windshield as a reminder to lock their vehicle when their vehicle is unattended. These stickers have been provided to the Hernando County Sheriff's Office from Crime Stoppers in an effort to spread awareness and reduce the number of vehicle burglaries resulting in unsecured vehicles.

Citizens who would like to receive one of these stickers for their own vehicle are welcome to stop by the Hernando County Sheriff's Office, or the District 2 Office on Forest Oaks, and ask the receptionist for a sticker. Some deputies working road patrol will also be provided stickers to hand out to the public.

"I hope these stickers will help citizens remember to lock their vehicles in an effort to prevent them from becoming a potential victim," said Sheriff Al Nienhuis. "Every citizen can do their part to bring our crime rate down by simply eliminating an opportunity for a criminal to target them or the ones they love."



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