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AUTO BREAK-INS ON THE RISE IN CUPERTINO

There have been 74 auto burglaries reported in the City of Cupertino through April 12, 2004. These numbers do not include thefts from unlocked vehicles.

Please, do not leave any items inside your car visible from the outside, especially purses, wallets, laptop computers, cellular phones, and briefcases. If you have a pullout or detachable face stereo system, always take it out of the vehicle when you leave. A crook will break your window for the change in your center console, a cell phone charging cord, a child's backpack or even your laundry bag on the chance that something of value is inside.

In 2001, 218 auto burglaries were reported, which remains the highest in five years. For a three-year comparison of burglaries in Cupertino, visit and join Cupertino's Email Community Alert Program (eCAP) online at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CupertinoECAP>. You can also choose to receive crime alert messages through this service. All email addresses are kept confidential.

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