

Atchison, Brown counties hit hard by thieves

(KAIR)--A rash of burglaries, with thieves focused on unlocked vehicles, is reported in two local, neighboring counties, with the Sheriff of each saying to be on the lookout and to keep all vehicle doors locked.

On Saturday, Brown County Sheriff John Merchant issued a release "to alert the public of recent vehicle burglary/thefts that occurred in the Everest" area around 2:00 Saturday morning.

Merchant, in the release sent to MSC News regarding the three reported crimes, included a security video capturing thieves in the act. Any information regarding the recorded suspects should be reported to the Sheriff's Office.



Several hours following the issuance of Merchant's release, which says the crimes remain under investigation, with his office networking with other law enforcement agencies, a similar alert was issued by the Atchison County Sheriff's Office.

According to the release, issued through the CodeRed alert system, there has, recently, "been an increase in thefts and vehicle burglaries in the area," with thieves "currently targeting unlocked vehicles." The release reminds residents to remove valuable items, and keys, and to keep the doors locked.

Keeping buildings locked, from homes to outbuildings, is also a must in keeping thieves deterred.

Area residents, in both Brown and Atchison counties, are also urged to remain alert to suspicious activity, and report it to authorities.

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