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### **Car burglaries prompt investigation**

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Ruston police officers are trying to determine who was responsible for breaking into nine different vehicles this week and stealing money from a number of them.

All nine of the vehicles were parked in the same part of the city — Forest Circle, Forest Creek and Quail Lane — near East Reynolds Drive and the Graham Shopping Center, said Lt. Curtis Hawkins, spokesman for the Ruston Police Department.

The victims parked their vehicles overnight at their residences Tuesday.

They awoke Wednesday to discover someone had burglarized them and, in a few instances, stolen money.

The person or people responsible for the burglaries smashed the vehicles' windows open or simply opened doors that were already unlocked, Hawkins said.

"Anything you leave in there is an easy target. It doesn't take a lot of brains to break a piece of glass," Hawkins said.

"Whoever was responsible for doing this rummaged through all of the vehicles."

Everyone should lock their vehicles, especially overnight, if they want to secure their belongings, Hawkins said.

Hawkins asks that anyone with information about the vehicle burglaries call Ruston Police Department at 255-4141 or Crime Stoppers at 255-1111, he said.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect or suspects.

Callers do not have to give their names.

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