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CARJACKING PREVENTION

This is a dangerous crime which may be avoided. The following suggestions are designed to reduce your chances of becoming a victim.

- Keep your doors locked.
- Pay attention to your surroundings when stopped.
- Do not read maps, change radio stations, or look for items in your car when stopped.
- When stopped in traffic, leave sufficient room in front of your vehicle to drive around a problem.
- If you find the roadway is blocked, turn around and drive away from the area.
- If you are bumped in traffic, and you do not feel safe, you may leave the scene to seek aid. Call 9-1-1 from the nearest phone.
- Look around before approaching your car.
- Do not get in or out of your car with suspicious people in the area.
- Get in or out of your car as quick as possible. Don't hang up jackets or put children in car seats from outside the car.
- When you arrive at your location, get out of and away from your car as quickly as you can.
- If someone approaches your car when you are stopped, drive away...even if they are armed!
- If you are approached on foot and choose to give up your keys, run away!
- Do not allow yourself to be taken from the scene. Your best chance for survival is in a public place, not in the car with a perpetrator.

You can reduce your chances of becoming a victim. Take these precautions every day!

If you have any other questions about carjacking or personal safety please call the Cobb County Police Department Community Education Unit at (770)499-4134.