St. Petersburg Police urges residents to lock their cars after more than 20 auto burglaries over the week-end

St. Petersburg had three different groups of youths burglarizing cars over the week-end. All of the burglaries occurred in UNLOCKED cars, in various neighborhoods.

For example, one group hit 6 cars, another group hit 11. These are groups of youths walking or riding their bicycles.

This has been an ongoing problem this summer. In the month of July, St. Petersburg Police made 71 arrests for auto burglaries. Most of these arrests are youths, repeatedly trying car door handles until they find one open, and then they steal anything of value inside the cars.

Please urge the public to LOCK their vehicle doors.

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