



## A Thief's Christmas Wish List

**December 15, 2014** - Have you ever wondered what a thief might have on their Christmas wish list or what their letter to Santa might look like?

Dear Santa,

I have been a good person this year. I made sure that when I stole something I took it from someone who made it easy for me. I only stole from unlocked cars and garages or took items left on the front lawn. All I wanted was their iPod, GPS, wallet or bike. I didn't want to break a car window or have to figure out how to get inside a locked house; luckily I did not have to.

For Christmas this year please send me:

- Wallets in unlocked cars
- Bicycles in front yards
- Golf clubs in open garages
- Keys in unlocked vehicles

I hope you enjoy the cookies, I found them in an unlocked car parked down the street. I'm sorry there is no milk, the house I went to was locked.

Thanks,

Johnny Thief

Crime prevention is a key component of community policing. Community policing is predicated on the fact that the citizens of a community must take an active role in the response to the issues that the community is facing. During this fall season, Norwalk has experienced a number of theft offenses involving items taken from unlocked cars. In fact, just last week at least five cars were entered into by unknown persons looking to steal. All of these cars were unlocked. People commit theft for a multitude of reasons, some for the thrill of it or because it is easy, some to get money for drugs or alcohol and some because they don't earn enough for the basic necessities of life, such as food and shelter.

Theft crimes as the ones we are experiencing can be easily reduced or prevented. Locking our cars, homes or outdoor sheds is the quickest most effective way to stop the thrill seeker from taking our valuables. To stop that person who is stealing because they need food or are addicted to drugs and alcohol, we can donate time, food, and/ or funds to the charitable organizations

that provide the services and nourishment that is needed. When people have enough to eat or are in effective treatment programs AND we reduce the opportunities for easy theft, our incidents of crime will decrease.

By working together, hopefully we can make this the worst Christmas ever for Johnny Thief.

Please remember to Lock it or Lose it!