## Safety Awareness Tip

CARJACKING most frequently occurs when driving at reduced speeds and stopping or parking at:

1. Intersections controlled by stoplights or signs.
2. Garages and commuter parking areas, shopping malls and grocery stores.
3. Self-service gas stations and car washes.
4. Drive-through banks.
5. Residential driveways and streets where people often get into and out of cars.
6. Freeway exits and entry ramps.



*You can protect yourself*

*against carjacking – one of the fastest*

 *growing crimes in the world.*

AVOIDANCE Please see the below steps you and others can take to reduce the likelihood of being a victim of this often violent crime.

1. Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
2. Keep all doors locked and windows up when driving.
3. Keep your valuables out of view.
4. Service your vehicle regularly to ensure it is working properly.
5. Travel on main roads as much as possible.
6. When stopped in traffic, leave enough space between vehicles to allow you to move forward.
7. Do not park next to high-profile vehicles, such as vans, that could conceal a suspect.
8. When walking to your car have keys ready and enter your vehicle quickly.
9. If you feel another vehicle is following you, do not drive home.
10. Do not pull over if a suspicious driver motions you to do so.
11. If you are involved in a minor accident or think your car was hit intentionally, motion the other driver to follow you to the nearest police station or open business to exchange information.
12. If you are in an accident, take your keys and purse or wallet with you when you get out of the car.
13. Never argue if the carjacker threatens you with a weapon – give up your car.
14. Get away from the area as quickly as possible.
15. If you cannot drive away, draw attention to yourself – honk your horn or yell.
16. Take notice of the carjacker’s physical appearance.
17. Immediately report the crime to the police.