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Victims Targeted After Leaving Bank

The Warren County Sheriff's Office has observed a trend where victims are being targeted after leaving local banks. In recent theft from vehicle crimes, we have identified evidence to substantiate that the victims were followed after they had made a cash withdrawal from a bank immediately before the theft. Upon leaving the bank each victim made a subsequent stop at another local business. In each case, the victim left their cash withdrawal concealed inside the vehicle. While the victims were inside the businesses, subjects entered the victims' vehicles and stole the concealed property.

The Warren County Sheriff's Office would like to remind everyone to be aware of their surroundings. If you feel you are being followed or in a similar circumstance, gather as much descriptive information as possible, such as vehicle descriptions, license plate numbers, and the descriptions of any suspects, and drive to a populated location before stopping. Contact your local law enforcement agency or dial 9-1-1 if you perceive you are in immediate danger.

<u>Vehicles</u> are not a secure place to keep valuables, even if the vehicle is locked and the items are concealed.

Please contact the Warren County Communications Center at 513-695-2525 with any related information.

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