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Hello Encino and Sherman Oaks,

As we are getting farther into the summer months and the days heat up, I would like to take just a moment to remind my residents to stay aware and lock and secure the windows of your residence before you leave for the day. Do not give the bad guys the easy opportunity to enter your homes. The same goes for your vehicles. Please lock and secure the doors and windows and keep your valuables out of sight.

While reviewing the crime reports that come through my desk, I have seen an increase in thefts occurring while the victims are shopping in department/grocery stores. While you are shopping, please do not leave your purses unattended, even for a second. The thieves are posing as shoppers, and as you select merchandise, they take your wallet from the unattended shopping cart. Most times the victim is unaware of the theft until it is time to pay at the register. By that time, the suspect is long gone. Please have a great summer and stay safe. Keep in touch, and feel free to contact me with questions and concerns.