

# A New Way to Rob You

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**You approach your vehicle from the passenger side to place a computer bag in the front passenger seat. When you reach to open the door you notice there is a hole right under the door handle.**

**Your first thought may be, "someone has shot my vehicle!"**

**What has actually happened is that a thief used a punch and placed it right under the door handle, knocked a hole through the door, reached in and unlocked it. Just as if they had the key. No alarms, broken glass, or anything. This thief has done the most subtle of break-ins.**

**You may not have noticed anything missing. Your GPS is still mounted on the dash, the CDs in their place, and your other belongings all accounted for. You think nothing of it. But what really happened is that this thief was so subtle that you don't even realize he looked at your GPS to see where "home" is. Now he knows what you drive and where you live.**

**The thief goes to your home, and if your vehicle isn't there assumes you aren't and breaks into your home. He leaves a purse or wallet and only takes one or two credit cards. By the time you realize there has been a theft, he may have already had a couple of days or more to use them.**

**These types of crimes are on the rise. Periodically walk around your car and inspect it. You'll want to especially do this after you park in a shopping center or other large parking area. This technique is usually performed on the passenger side of the vehicle so it may not be immediately noticed. And because of how it is done, the thief almost always relocks the vehicle.**

**If you are a victim of this type of crime remember to report it immediately to the police and insurance company. Check your bank for missing check numbers and fraudulent activities with your checking and credit cards.**