

**Manassas City Police Department  
Crime Report  
January 30, 2014**

**Larceny from Auto**

On January 29, 2014 Manassas City Police met with a patron of "LA Fitness" located at 9930 Liberia Ave for a report of a larceny. Once on scene, Officers discovered there were two parties that had been victimized at the same location. According to the first report, someone(s) broke out the back right passenger side window of the victim's vehicle sometime between 6:00PM and 7:25PM and stole a black purse containing personal documents and bank cards. The purse was believed to be hidden in the back seat at the time of the theft. The second victim reported that sometime between 6:45PM and 7:45PM a rear window of her vehicle had been broken out as well, and someone(s) had stolen a brown purse containing personal identification cards, bank cards, an iPod Touch, a wallet, and other personal items.



**Crime Prevention Tip:**

*Theft from motor vehicles continues to be an ongoing issue throughout the City, leaving citizens deprived of valuable possessions. In fact, vehicle break-ins are the most commonly reported crime in Manassas. Luckily, it is somewhat easy to prevent. To avoid becoming a statistic, consider the following for ways you can prevent vehicle break-ins.*

- Be sure to roll up all windows, close your sunroof if you have one, and lock the doors and trunk. Thieves have a tendency to stake out parking lots, where they watch people put bags and other items into the trunks of their vehicles, so be sure to stow items away before your arrival rather than waiting until you reach your destination.
- Be cautious when leaving your vehicle unattended with valuable possessions inside, whether it is only for a few minutes for an extended period of time. Of the thefts from autos reported in Manassas, most of the vehicles targeted are left unlocked prior to being broken into, either because the victims forgot to lock their car doors or simply chose not to. With others, thieves actually broke in because valuables are clearly visible through the window.

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Anyone with information about these events is encouraged to call the Manassas City Police Department Investigative Services Division at [\(703\) 257-8092](tel:7032578092) or Crime Solvers. The Manassas City Crime Solvers will pay a cash reward up to \$1000.00 for information that leads

to an arrest in these cases. The confidential 24-hour tip line is [\(703\) 330-0330](tel:(703)330-0330).

Si usted tiene información sobre estos eventos, favor de llamar al departamento de policía de la ciudad de Manassas a [\(703\) 257-8092](tel:(703)257-8092), o a la solucionista de crimen (Crime Solvers). Crime Solvers pagará un premio de hasta \$1,000.00 en efectivo por información que ayude en arrestar los sospechosos en estos casos. Llame las 24 horas al [\(703\) 330-0330](tel:(703)330-0330). Nunca tiene que dar su nombre; solamente la información.

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