



Rick Staly, Sheriff

## FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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# NEWS RELEASE

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## Idling Car Stolen from Driveway

With the unusually cold weather we're experiencing in Flagler County, it may seem tempting to start your car a few minutes early to warm it up before heading on your way. The Flagler County Sheriff's Office is warning against that, and for good reason.

On Wednesday morning around 7:00 a.m. a resident of Sea Spiral Path in Palm Coast started his vehicle to get it warmed up only to watch it drive away moments later by an unknown thief. Flagler County Sheriff's deputies alerted surrounding counties and utilized Bluetooth technology to track the vehicle to Daytona Beach where it was located and secured by the Daytona Beach Police Department. The vehicle was unoccupied when located and the suspect is still unknown at this time.



Don't leave your keys in your vehicle unattended.

"Getting into a cold car is better than getting your car stolen," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "Dress appropriately for the weather and plan to stay in your vehicle until the windows are defrosted and it is safe to drive. Luckily this car was returned to the owner with little damage."

Most vehicles stolen within Flagler County had the keys left inside the vehicle. Prevent these crimes of opportunity by removing valuables and keys from your vehicle and locking your car doors.

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