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NEWS RELEASE

LABOR DAY WEEKEND RESULTS IN MULTIPLE VEHICLE BURGLARIES

On September 4, 2018 Chino Valley police responded to a report of a vehicle burglary in the 1500 block of Palo Verde Dr. The vehicle owner reported sometime between September 1st and September 4th someone entered his unlocked vehicle and stole a firearm that was left inside.

During the investigation Chino Valley Police contacted neighbors who also reported their vehicle had been entered and rummaged through but they didn't know of any items missing from their vehicles. Numerous other reported vehicle burglaries also occurred during the same time frame on Porcupine Pass, a short distance from Palo Verde Dr.

One item of note that was taken in all these burglaries is a purple and black Ruger SR22P handgun. Chino Valley Police believe the group of vehicle burglaries are related to one another. An example photo of this firearm is included in this press release.

All the vehicles that were entered and rummaged through or had items stolen were unlocked. It has been a common theme for theft suspects, as they are walking through a neighborhood, to jiggle car doors and then when they find an unlocked car to go through and take valuables.

Chino Valley Police urge all citizens to lock your vehicles, remove valuables and lock your residences. We would like to also take this time to once again spread the message of the #9PMRoutine, which is a national campaign to lock your doors and remove valuables from vehicles at 9 o'clock each day.

If you have information on these crimes we ask that you contact Chino Valley Police Department at 928-710-3260 and ask to speak to an officer. If you would like to remain anonymous you can also contact Yavapai Silent Witness at 1-800-932-3232.

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