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During the last couple of weeks, the Financial Crimes and Burglary Divisions have worked several cases in which purses have been stolen out of parked vehicles, while the driver ran briefly into a gym, daycare or store. The suspects pulled up next to the unattended vehicle, broke the window and stole the purses in a matter of seconds. The suspects were then able to obtain large amounts of money from cashing the victim's personal checks. The thefts are not targeted to one particular area, but have taken place in various parts of the city.

Baton Rouge Police would like to remind the public not to leave your purse or wallet inside of your unattended vehicle, even if only for a brief time. In the event a wallet or purse is stolen, please contact your bank/credit union immediately and cancel all accounts. Also, contact Baton Rouge Police as soon as possible in order to make a report on the stolen property.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Baton Rouge Police Department at 389-2000 or Crime Stoppers 344-7867.