

# CARJACKING

Carjacking takes place very quickly. Most only take 15 to 20 seconds to complete.

- A carjacking can be violent. Drivers have been beaten or even murdered while being pulled out of their car.
- Carjackers are usually armed, either with a gun or a knife.
- A carjacking may first involve a minor vehicle accident. The victim's vehicle is "bumped" at a stop sign, red light or interstate off ramp. When they exit their vehicle to check the damage, the carjacker may display a weapon and take the vehicle.
- A carjacking may also occur at stop signs or lights. The carjacker may approach the vehicle, display a weapon and order the victim out of his/her vehicle.
- As a victim is entering or exiting their vehicle, the suspect may be standing close by, be in a parked vehicle hiding by other parked vehicles or building.
- Anybody can be a target. Carjackers look for targets of opportunity.

## **If Confronted While Stopped**

- Don't panic
- Avoid verbal/physical confrontation
- If pulled from your car or confronted while in your car, cooperate, move away quickly
- Walk/run from the immediate area
- Call the Police immediately
- If you have a cell phone, call for help
- Give a description of your car and the suspect(s)

## **Remember**

- **Anyone can be a victim**
- **Your safety is your responsibility**
- **If at all possible, never go with the suspect(s)**
- **If a gunman wants your car, give it up. It's not worth your life!**