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## Crime Prevention Tip of the Month: Hotel/Motel Safety

Harrisonburg, VA – As part of the Crime Prevention initiative of the Harrisonburg Police Department, monthly tips are provided to residents in an effort to reduce crime with a specific topic highlighted each month. This month, HPD will focus on Hotel and Motel Safety as many people are traveling this time of year. A few tips to ensure you are staying as safe as possible include:

- Take all of your luggage and valuables to your room with you. Don't leave items in your car in the parking lot, even if it's locked.
- Never leave money or other items of high value in your hotel room. Report any stolen items to the hotel management and to police in that jurisdiction.
- If a safe is provided, keep extra cash, expensive jewelry inside it.
- Keep your suitcase in a closet and locked if possible so that they cannot be used to carry your items out.
- When leaving, check each drawer, nightstands and closet space to ensure you have all of your belongings.
- Consider purchasing a portable lock or wedge for your door so that it cannot be opened when you are inside your room.
- Do not open your hotel door unless you know that hotel staff has a legitimate reason to be in your room or are there at your request.

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