



Regional Auto Theft Team  
Law Enforcement Response



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## FREE VIN ETCHING EVENT IN BENSON, AZ TO DETER AUTO THEFT FRIDAY, December 9th, 2016

BENSON – The Arizona Auto Theft Authority & Auto Theft Task Force team up with Benson Police Department, Arizona Department of Public Safety, and the National Insurance Crime Bureau for a FREE Auto Theft Prevention & VIN Etching Event on Friday, December 9th, 2016 09:00 am – 2:00pm. Event to be held in the Wal-Mart parking lot located at 201 S. Prickly Pear Benson, AZ 85602.

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) etching is a permanent theft deterrent applied to all vehicle window glass. As a result of the etching, if a car is stolen, thieves would have to replace every piece of glass before illegally selling it. This costs the thieves extra time and money, enough to make them move on to easier targets. Some insurance companies may offer a discount for having the etching applied. The process takes less than 10 minutes and is an effective, visual deterrent against theft.**

For a list of future events, visit the AATA website - <https://aata.az.gov/upcoming-events>

About the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority (AATA): The State agency functions as the lead organization in a statewide network of law enforcement, criminal justice and public awareness partners working together to combat auto theft crimes across Arizona. By focusing resources in these areas, the AATA and its statewide law enforcement partners are impacting the state's declining auto theft rate.