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MILTON POLICE DEPARTMENT DISCONTINUES THE SERVICE OF VEHICLE UNLOCKS

Effective July 1, 2007, the Milton Police Department will no longer provide the service of unlocking motor vehicles when persons have locked their keys inside.

This service is being discontinued for several reasons:

1. The safety of the police officer. More of the newer vehicles have various types of air bags in driver's side and passenger side doors. Improper contact with these air bags can cause them to deploy and the police officer could be seriously injured.
2. The more modern vehicles have antitheft devices and other complex locking mechanisms that require special tools to unlock the doors. The police department has never had any of these tools other than what is known as a "Slim Jim" which is a long slender piece of metal. With the more complicated locking mechanisms on vehicles the police officers are having limited success with a "Slim Jim."
3. It's an unnecessary liability to the Town of Milton if damage is done to the vehicle.
4. The Milton Police is one of the few police agencies still doing "vehicle unlocks" in this area.
5. Officers do not receive any training in this area.
6. Wrecker operators are equipped and willing to take on this task.

Effective July 1, 2007 the Milton Police Department will only attempt to unlock a vehicle only in the case of a very specific emergency. The Milton Police Department can provide information such as the name and phone number of a commercial business that offers vehicle unlock service.