

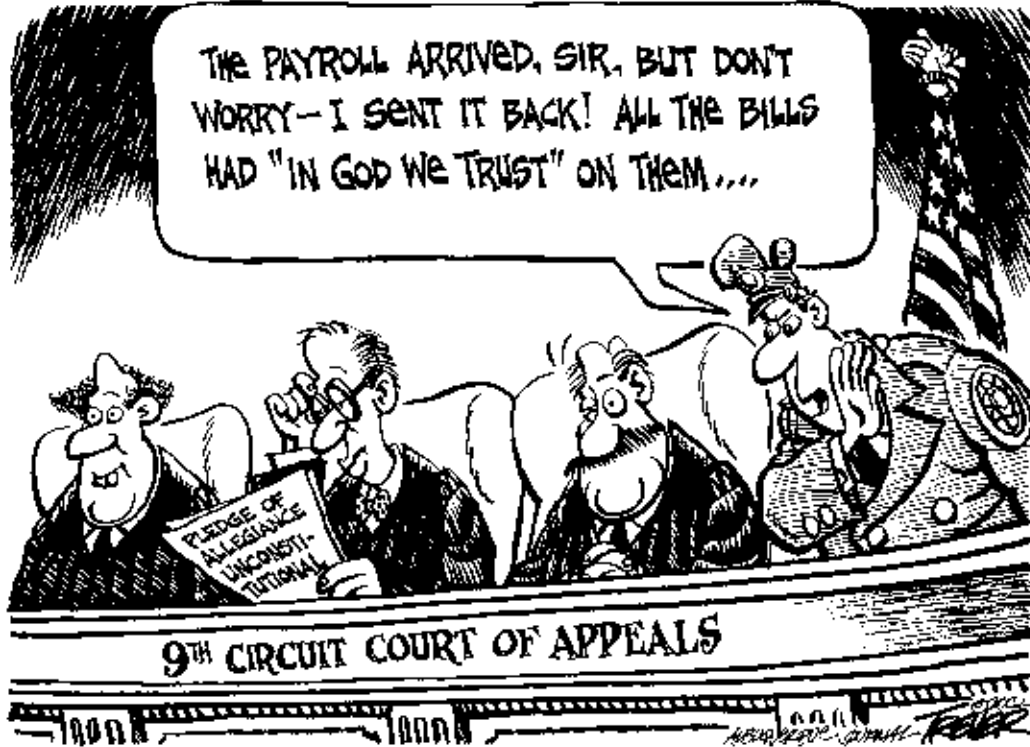
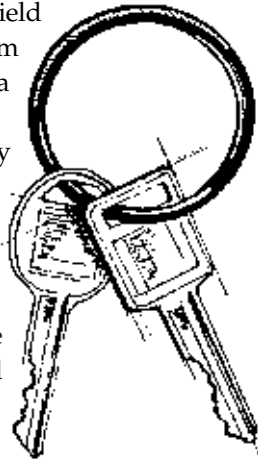
# VINs and car thieves

It seems that car thieves have found yet another way to steal your car or truck without any effort at all. The car thieves peer through the windshield of your vehicle, write down the vehicle identification number (VIN) from the label on the dash, go to the local car dealership and request a duplicate key based on the VIN.

When they return to your car, they don't have to break in, do any damage to the vehicle, or draw attention to themselves. All they have to do is walk up to your car, insert the key and off they go to a local chop shop with your vehicle.

## It IS that easy.

To prevent this from happening to you, simply put some tape (electrical tape, duct tape or medical tape) across the VIN metal label located on the dash board. Or just lay a 3x5 card over it. By law, you cannot remove the VIN, but you can cover it so it can't be viewed through the windshield by a car thief.



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*Each of us has a responsibility to help make our community safe, and aiding in the apprehension of those among us who choose to scoff at the law goes a long way in fulfilling that obligation. The citizens of Jacksonville thank all who have participated.*

**ANNE MCLAUGHLIN**

VA#: 1465

Featured: July 2002

Captured: January 2005

Violation: VOP/DSP



**LEHMAN BUGGEST**

VA#: 1846

Featured: August 2003

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Violation: VOP/Petit theft

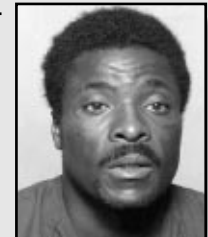
**GREGORY HENRY**

VA# 2121

Featured: May 2004

Captured: January 2005

Violation: Burglary



**KEITH COGDILL**

VA#: 2328

Featured: December 2004

Captured: February 2005

Violation: Possession of Cocaine

**TOMMY WILBANKS**

VA# 2332

Featured: December 2004

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Violation: Burglary



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