

PRESS RELEASE



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Larceny from vehicles remains an ongoing issue throughout Nassau County. These thefts usually occur during the overnight hours in residential areas, and in most cases, the targeted vehicles are left unlocked. In some of these incidents, the vehicle was stolen because a key or fob was left inside.

The Garden City Police Department is working closely with the Nassau County Police Department and other local Departments in addressing these crimes by sharing intelligence and investigative results to assist in the identification of possible suspects and patterns. These efforts have resulted in the arrest of several subjects.

Recently the Nassau County PD published the following safeguards for all residents:

- **Always lock your vehicle, even when it is parked in your driveway or garage.**
- **Always take your keys or fob with you.**
- **Never leave or hide a smart key, valet key, or spare key in your vehicle.**
- **Never leave your car running, while unattended or unlocked.**
- **If possible, park your vehicle in a locked garage.**
- **Park in well-lit areas.**
- **Keep the exterior of homes and driveways well illuminated.**
- **Close all your vehicle windows completely when parked.**
- **Consider installing a GPS system, a visible anti-theft device or an audible alarm.**
- **Never leave valuable personal property in your vehicle.**
- **Also, secure your garage door opener to prevent access to your home.**

The Garden City Police Department reminds everyone that thefts involving unoccupied vehicles are often just crimes of opportunity. When simple precautions are taken to reduce that opportunity, the likelihood of someone entering your vehicle is drastically reduced. In addition, alert residents are often instrumental in the apprehension of criminals, particularly subjects who commit larcenies involving vehicles. Residents are encouraged to promptly call 911 and report suspicious activities, persons, noises or vehicles, including license plate numbers, to the Police Department. In addition, residents and property owners who have video surveillance footage of a crime on their property, or a neighbor's property, are encouraged to contact the Detective Division at 465-4108.