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The Old Brookville Police Department reports that beginning in March 2012 there has been a pattern of luxury cars and SUV's being stolen from their six village jurisdiction. Late model Land Rovers' and Mercedes Benz' are the vehicles being targeted. The thefts are most often occurring in the early morning hours from 1:00 am to 5:00 am. Police believe that the car thieves have prior knowledge of the vehicle's location because in some cases the vehicles were removed from locked garages. In most instances, keys were left in the ignition or a smart key was left in the vehicle equipped with a push button start. In the instances where vehicles were removed from a garage, a garage door opener from another unlocked vehicle parked outside of the garage was used to gain entry. None of the vehicles have been recovered and police believed they are being shipped out of the country.

The following are police recommendations to help safeguard your vehicle:

- Always lock your vehicle. Even when it's parked in your driveway or garage.
- Always take your keys.
- Never leave or hide a smart key, valet key, or spare keys anywhere in your vehicle.
- If possible, park your vehicle in a locked garage.
- If the car is parked in a driveway try to park it in a well lit location.
- Close all your vehicle windows completely when parked.

Most important, police recommend that when leaving and returning to your home, be observant of vehicles and people who are suspicious. If you "See Something - Say Something". Dial 9-1-1 and be ready to provide the police with as much information as possible regarding the description of the suspicious person or vehicle. License plate numbers are extremely valuable information for the police.

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