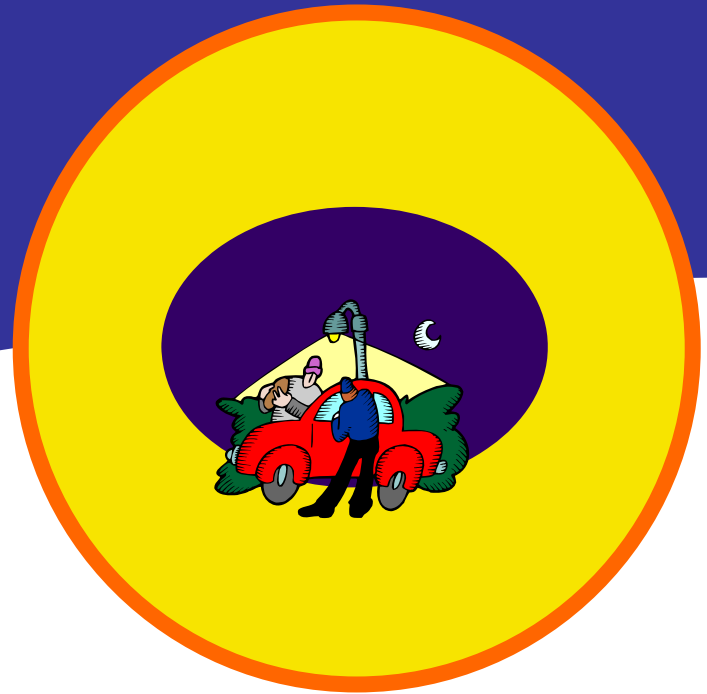


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PSA 207

Theft f/Auto Alert

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Letter from Lt. Philip Lanciano,

The Washington D.C. Metropolitan Police Department needs your help! Over the course of the last 30 days there have been several THEFTS FROM AUTOS that have occurred in and around the GWU University Campus and close-in Foggy Bottom.

Most of these thefts have occurred during the overnight hours and could easily have been prevented. Vehicle owners are implored to remove items from their cars that are of obvious value (I-Pods, Laptop computers, cameras, clothing, etc.) to would-be thieves and to even remove items that might lead a suspect to believe items of value may be hidden within (gym bags, brief cases, shopping bags, garment bags, etc.).

If you have any questions or need additional advice, please contact Lieutenant Philip Lanciano of the Second Police District at 202-715-7326.

- Prime targets are portable electronics (e.g. navigation systems, ipods, mp3 players, satellite radios, laptop computers, cell phones)
- Accessories or parts for these devices will lead to having your car broken into (e.g. power cords, suction cup holders, bags or suitcases)
- Fixing your broken windshield may cost more than the stolen items (e.g. \$200 - \$400)

What victims have said...

1. It's broad daylight and I parked on a busy street.
2. I parked for less than an hour.
3. I parked in a private garage.
4. This garage is accessible only to people working in this building.
5. I didn't know, I'm just visiting DC.

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