Larceny from Vehicles

In the Woodbridge/Dumfries/Triangle area (zip codes 22191, 22026 and 22172), there have been an increase in larcenies from vehicles. Specifically, exhaust systems, catalytic converters and/or mufflers that are being professionally cut and removed. These incidents are occurring at all hours of the day and the locations vary from commuter and commercial parking lots to residential communities.

Safety Recommendations

- Be aware of your surroundings in parking lots. If you notice activity that looks out of place or suspicious, call the police immediately.
- During hours of reduced light and visibility, park your vehicle in well-lit areas where possible.
- Park close to building entrances or the nearest road in public parking lots. This leaves your car in a location where it will be visible.
- If you have a personal garage, keep your car parked inside with the vehicle locked and vehicle alarm system engaged.
- If your vehicle already has an alarm, adjust the security system to activate from vibrations, such as those produced by a saw.
- Install a catalytic converter-specific security device, or have it welded to the car frame. You can also engrave your car’s VIN number to the catalytic converter.
- Where feasible for added security, install video surveillance where you regularly park your vehicle.

REPORT ALL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO THE POLICE
Emergency: 911 - Non-Emergency: 703-792-6500