

Community Safety Bulletin: Vehicle “Car Washing” Alert

What Happened

The Association has been notified of a recent incident involving multiple vehicles that were entered and ransacked. This type of crime is part of a growing trend known as “car washing.”

What “Car Washing” Means

“Car washing” is when thieves enter unlocked vehicles and steal documents instead of the vehicle itself. Items they commonly target include:

- Vehicle registrations
- Insurance cards
- Mail or packages

These items can be used to:

- Identify your home address
- Obtain your VIN and ownership information
- Return later to steal the vehicle
- Commit identity theft or fraudulent title activity
- Access your home

Why This Matters

- A stolen registration card gives a thief:
- Your name
- Your address
- Your vehicle information
- Proof of ownership that can be misused

This makes it easier for criminals to target you again — either at home or by attempting to steal the vehicle later.

How Residents Can Protect Themselves

Please take the following steps immediately:•

Remove all documents from your glovebox (keep digital copies or carry originals with you)

- Lock your vehicle every time
- Park in well lit areas

- Report suspicious activity to law enforcement
- If your documents were stolen, monitor for identity theft signs and notify your insurance provider

Stay Alert, Stay Secure

Thank you for helping keep our community safe. Increased awareness and simple preventive steps can significantly reduce the likelihood of future incidents.

On behalf of your Board of Directors.

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