



## LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

# CRIME ALERT NOTICE

### AUTO THEFT PREVENTION

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) is distributing this **CRIME ALERT NOTICE** which is intended to advise you of criminal activity that may affect you or your community.

The Las Vegas Valley has been experiencing an increase in stolen vehicles such as 1990 to 2000 model Honda Accords and Civics and newer model General Motors SUV's, to include Tahoe, Yukon, Escalade models. In most cases these vehicles are being stolen for their parts which can be used on similar model/make of vehicles. This type of activity is typical of a "chop shop" and these types of operations have recently been discovered in vacant homes.

Please be aware of neighborhood vacant homes that appear to have increased activity day or night or if vehicles are starting to accumulate around a certain address or in the garage. If you suspect a possible "chop shop" or have any information regarding stolen vehicles please contact **Crime Stoppers at 385-5555** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and you will remain anonymous. If you would like to report this type of activity you may also contact the Auto Theft Detail at 702-828-3586. Below are some crime prevention tips to stay safe and protect your car. **DRIVE IT. PROTECT IT!**

- ✓ Don't leave your keys in or a hide a key in your car
- ✓ Close your windows and lock your doors when the car is unattended
- ✓ If you have a garage, use it!
- ✓ Always park in well-lit areas, close to buildings
- ✓ Use an audible anti-theft device as a deterrent, car thieves don't like noise
- ✓ Use a tracking device on your car
- ✓ When parking your car turn and lock your steering wheel
- ✓ Always be aware and report any suspicious persons or vehicles nearby
- ✓ Engrave your car's Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on any window or removable equipment in your car
- ✓ Remove ALL items inside from plain view including GPS window mounts, loose change, purses, computer or shopping bags to discourage theft
- ✓ Always separate your cars keys from your house keys to stop criminals from accessing your house



IF YOU SEE ANY **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY, PERSONS OR VEHICLES PLEASE BE A GOOD WITNESS AND CALL 311 FOR A NON-EMERGENCY AND 911 IF THERE IS A LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCY.** If you have any information on these crimes please call the Auto Theft Section 702-828-3586.

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