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***** CRIME ALERT *****

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To: East Marlborough Township residents
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Since last week, there have been at least 3 vehicles stolen from in front of homes in a development located in the center of East Marlborough Township. Two of the vehicles were high end expensive automobiles. The owners of the vehicles reported that the vehicles were locked. The thefts happened late at night or during the early morning hours. The Pennsylvania State Police Avondale station is investigating the crimes.

I have listed a few tips that may help you provide an extra level of protection to your vehicle.

1. Park inside the garage if you have one. Make sure the garage doors are locked.
2. Make sure that the doors to your vehicle are LOCKED.
3. Make sure the windows are all the way up.
4. Activate the vehicle alarm system if you have one. Remove garage door remote.
5. Consider using a steering wheel or brake pedal type locking device such as "the club"
6. Have a hidden "kill switch" installed that must be switched on or the engine will not start
7. Park your vehicle in a well lit area / leave the exterior lights to your home on at night, consider a dusk to dawn light and / or have motion detector lights installed.
8. If you own two vehicles, park the oldest vehicle behind the newest vehicle "block it in"
9. Do not hide a key of your vehicle in or on the vehicle.
10. Consider a vehicle tracking device *on-star, lo-jack* etc (there is a fee \$\$ involved)

Professional car thieves are able to defeat many of the listed devices however it takes time. Thieves generally want to get the commit their crimes as fast as possible and get out of there without being seen. If a thief sees a deterrent he may decide to look for an easier target.

Stay alert and keep an eye out in your neighborhood, you know what is normal and what is suspicious as well as who should and shouldn't be there. Keep a pad and pen near the door so you can write down suspicious activity, descriptions, license plates etc. **CALL THE POLICE** if you see or suspect something out of the ordinary.

Contact me if you have any questions, comments, concerns, or suggestions.

Stay Safe
Lieutenant Robert Clarke
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