

Police Commissioner Dodd Issues Vital Warning to Residents: Safeguard Against High-Tech Vehicle Theft

In an era of ever-advancing technology, criminals are finding innovative ways to exploit it. The Rockville Centre Police Department, led by Commissioner Randy Dodd, is committed to ensuring the safety and security of our community. As such, we are issuing a vital warning to all residents who own high-tech vehicles.

Recent incidents of vehicle thefts involving high-tech vehicles have prompted us to provide you with the top essential tips to safeguard your vehicles. Your cooperation and vigilance are crucial in preventing such crimes from happening in our community.

1. Secure Your Key Fob:

The number one precaution you can take is to keep your key fob away from your vehicle and out of sight from potential thieves. Do not leave it near your car or close to any windows or doors in your home. Criminals can use relay devices to intercept signals, allowing them to access and steal your vehicle easily. Some find using a metal closed box to store keys is helpful.

2. Double-Check Doors and Windows:

Always ensure that your vehicle is properly locked, and windows are fully closed when leaving it unattended. Criminals often target unlocked cars for easy access.

3. Park in Well-Lit Areas:

When parking your high-tech vehicle, choose well-lit and populated areas, especially at night. Avoid dimly lit or secluded locations that may attract criminals.

4. Be Cautious with Spare Keys:

If you keep spare keys for your vehicle, ensure they are stored securely and not easily accessible. Criminals may search for spare keys inside your home.

5. Install a Vehicle Tracking System:

Consider investing in a GPS-based vehicle tracking system. These devices can help authorities locate your vehicle quickly in case of theft, increasing the chances of recovery.

6. Utilize Steering Wheel Locks:

Using an old school visible steering wheel lock is a deterrent for potential thieves. It adds an extra layer of security and makes it more challenging for them to steal your vehicle.

The safety of our community is our top priority. The Rockville Centre Police Department wants to assure residents that we are taking proactive measures to combat this threat. We are increasing patrol presence, especially during the midnight hours, to enhance the security of our neighborhoods.

Commissioner Dodd urges all residents to stay vigilant and implement these essential safety tips to protect their high-tech vehicles. By working together, we can make Rockville Centre a safer place to live and drive.

For more information or to report any suspicious activity, please contact the RVC Police Department at 516-766-1500.