



Chicago Police Area South Detectives



Community Alert

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Motor Vehicle Thefts 006th (Gresham) District

About the Crime:

This alert gives notice to citizens residing and working in the 6th District on beat 623. Vehicles parked on the street are being stolen by unknown offenders.

- 7800 Block of South State
- 7900 Block of South Lafayette
- 7900 Block of South Prairie

How to Prevent Your Car from Being Stolen

- Keep your vehicle locked at all times, even while driving.
- When parked, never leave your keys in the car. Close all the windows and the sunroof.
- Never leave your car running and unattended.
- Thieves prefer to work in the dark. Be particularly cautious at night about where you park your car. Park it in a well-lit area if possible.
- Park with your wheels turned towards the curb to make your vehicle more difficult to tow away.
- Alarms or anti-theft devices work: Thieves are usually looking for the "easiest" target. If your car has an alarm, it could act as a deterrent. Many insurers offer discounts for vehicles with anti-theft systems.
- Steering column collars, steering wheel & brake pedal locks all work to slow down the thieves.
- Install a vehicle tracking and location system that can be activated after the vehicle is reported as stolen.

**If you have information on vehicle theft activities,
contact the Chicago Police Area South Detectives
(312) 747-8273**

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