LOWELL POLICE ISSUE WARNING RELATED TO TIRE AND RIM THEFTS

The Lowell Police Department is once again issuing a warning to residents pertaining to the theft of tires and rims from vehicles during the overnight hours as there has been a spike in these types of occurrences in the month of July. Since the beginning of 2015, there have been 45 incidents resulting in the removal of the tires and wheels, leaving the vehicle up on blocks, or resting on the ground. The vehicles targeted in 37 of the thefts are late model Honda Accords. Most of the incidents are occurring between the hours of 11:30pm and 5:00am. Investigations indicate the suspects utilize stolen mini-vans to transport the suspects and stolen items from the scene. As it is possible the thieves conduct surveillance during times when it is light out, we are asking residents to report suspicious persons or vehicles, especially mini-vans, they may notice in and around where they live anytime during the day. Persons with information can contact the Lowell Police Department at 978-937-3200 or the CRIME STOPPERS Tip Line, 978-459-TIPS (8477).

We also recommend to anyone with valuable or custom wheels to consider investing in wheel locks. These locks replace one of the lug nuts on the wheel and require a key to remove. Remember not to leave the key for the wheels inside the vehicle when it will be unattended for any length of time. It’s a small investment that can help protect you from a big expense.

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