

**Subject: [Fwd: Re: FW: Public Advisory - Rash of Theft From Vehicles]**

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**Subject: Re: FW: Public Advisory - Rash of Theft From Vehicles**

**Date:** Wed, 12 Jan 2005 17:04:22 -0800

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Ernie,

Question -- has there been a dramatic increase in crime on the North Shore? I'm not aware of it. Increase. yes -- dramatic, no.

If there has been, I doubt it is related to densification, per se. It may accompany densification, but I doubt it is caused by densification. Criminals are attracted to areas where there are more opportunities for crime -- sometimes that means where there are more people from whom to steal, sometimes it means where there are more places to lie in wait for people from whom to steal, sometimes it means where there are people who are less likely to take an interest in a stranger (i.e, where people do not know their neighbours or don't care). Densification won't cause an increase in crime if it is accompanied by greater awareness of possible criminal activity -- and that's where community policing can play a big role.

Regards,  
Bill

Ernie Crist wrote:

>For your information.

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>Question? Is there a connection between the massive densification of the City of North Vancouver and the dramatic increase in crime on the North Shore? What is your opinion?

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>Ernie Crist

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>Subject: Public Advisory - Rash of Theft From Vehicles

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>The North Vancouver RCMP want to advise the public that in the past couple of weeks theft from motor vehicles has been on the rise.

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>The RCMP in North Vancouver have been busy investigating a rash of thefts from vehicles. These thefts are mostly occurring from the Lonsdale Quay all the way up the 29th Ave. They are also occurring in the area of Chesterfield Ave. The suspect is entering underground parkades of businesses and homes and breaking into numerous cars at each

>location.

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>This crime is a crime of opportunity for most criminals and is quite  
>often an act of desperation to support a drug habit. Thieves will look  
>for personal belongings left in your car such as wallets, bags,  
>clothing, computer equipment, change and even empty cans and bottles.  
>Police want to remind the public to ensure that nothing is left in your  
>vehicle including your insurance papers which contain your personal  
>details on them. Even in an underground, secured parking lot your  
>vehicle should be locked with its alarm system activated. Do not leave  
>remote controls for your garage door in your car as this may easily give  
>the thief an opportunity to come back. Be extremely vigilant when  
>entering your garage or underground parkade and ensure that the door  
>shuts behind you without letting another party inside. If you spot a  
>suspicious person, call the police.

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>If you have any information regarding these thefts you are asked to  
>contact the North Vancouver RCMP at (604)985-1311, or, if you wish to  
>remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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