Latest Overnight Thefts from Unlocked Vehicles in Two Areas of Darien

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Overnight thefts from parked vehicles happened in two different neighborhoods in town on different nights last week.

What they had in common is what these thefts normally have in common — the cars were unlocked when they were left outside overnight.

Here are the details, according to police:

Tuesday to Wednesday:

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On or Around Post Road Near Stamford

At <u>2757 Post Road</u>, a white 2016 GMC Savana van and a blue 2010 Subarou Outback SUV were found to have open glove boxes sometime before 8:19 a.m. when the incident was reported to police.

The owner told police he didn't think anything had been taken. Police got no new information when they knocked on doors of neighbors to see if anyone heard, saw or knew of anything unusual overnight.

At <u>2546 Post Road</u>, a gray 2006 Bentley Continental was entered, and the glove box and center console were found open at about 8 a.m., the owner reported to police.

About \$20 in cash and an unknown number of CDs were missing from the center console. Three other vehicles in the driveway were locked and undisturbed. Police learned nothing when they talked to neighbors.

At <u>6 Seagate Road</u>, a white 2015 Lexus RX parked in the driveway was entered, and the glove box and center console were left open. The owner noticed only one thing missing — a black plastic tray in the center console. It was found at the end of the driveway of a neighbor's house at 8 Seagate Road. Police learned nothing from neighbors.

Thursday to Friday:

Edgewood Road, Near Center of Town

At 19 Edgewood Road, on an out-of-the-way street off of a street off of West Avenue, a gray 2010 Nissan Rogue and a gray 2008 Toyota Corolla were entered. The burglaries were reported to police at 5:54 a.m. Glove boxes of both the SUV and car had been riffled through. Nothing seems to have been taken, the owner told police.

At 6:17 a.m., when police went around to neighbors, they found three vehicles parked in a driveway next door, at 15 Edgewood Road, had been entered.

The three vehicles — a gray 2011 BMW 5 Series, a blue 2015 Audi A6, and a gray 2001 Jeep Wrangler —

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were found with their glove boxes riffled through, but it didn't appear that anything had been taken, a resident told police. A fourth vehicle in the same driveway was locked and undisturbed.

Editor's note: Darienite publishes addresses where unlocked cars are entered, since the way to stop these thefts is obvious, and people in a neighborhood should know who's attracting thieves.

See also:

- It Could Happen Here (and Has): Weekend Thefts of 8 Unlocked Cars & 2 High Speed Chases in Greenwich (July 17)
- Six Vehicles Entered Overnight, Thursday to Friday, on Thomasina Lane (July 17)
- From Night of Recent Motor Vehicle Burglaries: Stolen Darien SUV Found, Another Burglary Reported (June 27)
- SUV Stolen, Six Other Vehicles Entered Overnight Saturday to Sunday, All Unlocked (June 20)
- Here's Where the Latest Thefts from Vehicles Took Place in Darien (June 14)

REMINDER:

Police Chief Ray Osborne's Two Requests to Residents

From a statement to the public from Darien Police Chief Ray Osborne on May 1:

As many residents are aware, the Town of Darien, as well as almost every other municipality in Fairfield County, has been inundated with thefts from motor vehicles over the last six months or more.

In virtually all of the incidents, the vehicles involved have been left unlocked. For quite some time, the Darien Police Department has been diligently asking all residents, through press releases, social media postings and face to face contacts to lock their cars, no matter where or when they are parked. [...]

We also ask residents to make immediate notification to the police department if they see suspicious activity or are the victim of a motor vehicle burglary (or any other crime).

In the recent past, we have investigated incidents where residents have seen suspicious individuals in their driveway or their neighborhood or found that their vehicles had been entered in the middle of the night. In these cases, the residents did not contact the police department at the time of their observations.

The probability of apprehending a perpetrator increases significantly if the Police Department

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receives immediate notification of suspicious activity in the area.

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