

Latest Slew of Unlocked Vehicles Entered, Some Pricey Loot Lifted

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Darien's widespread tradition of leaving cars, SUVs and other vehicles unlocked, outside in driveways overnight resulted in some thefts of pricey items, although most victims told police nothing was taken.

Vehicles were entered on Hillcrest Avenue (at three addresses); Clock Avenue (one); Harbor Road (three); and Driftway Lane (one).

Here's the latest rundown, all but the last one from the night of Sunday to Monday, Dec. 12 to 13. That last one, which took place the next night, is a doozy:

(Editor's note: Darienite.com has given up on listing the exact addresses of people who've left their cars unlocked overnight. They don't seem to learn anyway, they often act outraged when their address gets in the report [it doesn't assist any thieves, in any event]. For other readers, if you leave even your locked cars outside at night in Darien, you might as well expect some thief to have tried the door handle [do wash your hands] so, on further consideration, we now think it isn't really important for you to know which of your neighbors are attracting thieves.)

[Hillcrest Avenue](#) — Police were told that the victim's surveillance video showed a thief entering his 2021 Tahoe at 1:38 a.m. Nothing was reported missing.

Hillcrest Avenue — A 2009 Tahoe was entered. Nothing was reported missing.

Hillcrest Avenue — A 2018 Mazda was entered. Nothing was reported missing.

[Clock Avenue](#) — Cash was missing from one of two vehicles outside the same home. (Police didn't say how much cash.) One vehicle was a 2008 Ford; the other, a 2021 Volvo.

[Harbor Road](#) — The victim told police that video surveillance showed two thieves entering his vehicle at about 1 a.m. A Vividia inspection camera and seven business checks were stolen.

Harbor Road — A neighbor's surveillance camera (police didn't say whether it was the same camera mentioned in the incident described just above) showed a thief entering a 2019 BMW and a 2021 BMW

parked outside the same home at about 1 a.m. Nothing was reported missing.

Harbor Road — A 2019 Land Rover and 2009 BMW parked outside the same home were entered. Nothing was reported missing.

[Driftway Lane](#) — A thief took the following from a Mercedes: a purse, four pairs of sunglasses and an iPad (last tracked in the area of First Avenue in Ridgewood, New York). The total value of items stolen: \$5,270.

The iPad was last tracked to a street in the [Ridgewood section of Queens](#) in New York City, the police announcement said.