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Thieves Gift Themselves With Two Darien SUVs on Christmas Night

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Two owners of sport utility vehicles each told police that their SUVs had been stolen on the night after Santa came to town.

In each case, the victim said the cars were unlocked and keys were left inside. The thieves came overnight from Dec. 25 to 26, between Christmas Day and Sunday morning.

Driftway Lane

A purse was also in one of the SUVs, at [Driftway Lane](#), and the owner was notified by a bank at 2:12 a.m. that a purchase had been made in Waterbury from a bank card that had been in the purse.

When she saw the message from her bank, the victim went out to the vehicle to get her purse shortly after 8:16 a.m.

And realized her 2014 Range Rover was also stolen.

(On the night of Dec. 12 to 13, Driftway Lane also was [where a thief took](#) a purse, four pairs of sunglasses and an iPad (altogether valued at \$5,270) from an unlocked Mercedes.)

Christie Hill Road

At 11:08 a.m., Sunday, police were told by a man who told them his 2019 Audi Q5 had been stolen from his driveway on [Christie Hill Road](#) at 2:34 a.m.

He knew the time by looking at his home's video surveillance records, which showed a suspect walking toward the vehicle as another vehicle waited in the street.

On Monday, Dec. 27, at 7:30 p.m., the vehicle, unoccupied, was found in Meriden.