Window Smashed and Airbag Stolen from SUV in a Church Parking Lot

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A front, passenger-side window of an Acura RDX sport utility vehicle was smashed and a airbag was stolen from the SUV as it sat in a Darien church parking lot in the morning of Monday, March 6.

The car was parked in a lot of the First Congregational Church of Darien at <u>14 Brookside Road</u> and was entered sometime between 8:45 a.m. and about 12:05 p.m., when the owner returned to it.

Nothing else was taken from the vehicle, and nothing appeared to have been taken from any other vehicle in the lot. There isn't video surveillance in the lot, but police detectives processed the scene, looking for fingerprints and other evidence. The police report didn't indicate if the airbag was on the driver's or passenger's side of the vehicle.

Thefts of airbags or other devices that come with vehicles tend to be rare in Darien. There were some cases years ago when vehicles in train station parking lots or the Center Street lot were found to be missing catalytic converters, but that kind of crime is rare in town.

See also:

- "Why Would Someone Want to Steal My Airbag?" (How Stuff Works website)
- "Airbag Theft and Fraud" (National Insurance Crime Bureau of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration)

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Darienite News for Darien https://darienite.com

• "Police: DNA from a Gauze Bandage Identifies Thief from a 2012 Car Burglary" (it was an airbag theft; Darienite.com, Jan. 10)

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