

## OLD BROOKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Resident,

The Old Brookville Police Department as well as many surrounding jurisdictions have recently experienced a rash of stolen cars and theft of personal property from autos. Late model luxury cars are being targeted. The thefts were primarily occurring between the hours of 1:00 am and 5:00 am. The most recent thefts have occurred in the afternoon. In every occurrence the vehicle was left unlocked with the key fob inside. As you know these newer vehicles have retractable sideview mirrors. When locked the mirrors fold in, and when left unlocked, they stay in the driving position. These mirrors are a tell-tale sign to the thieves that the vehicle is either locked, or unlocked.

The following are police recommendations to help safeguard your vehicle and property:

- Always lock your vehicle, even if parked in your garage.
- Always remove your keys.
- Never leave a or hide a smart key or valet key inside your vehicle.
- If possible, park your vehicle in a locked garage.
- If the car is parked in a driveway try to park in a well-lit location in view of your camera system.
- Remove any of your personal property. If not removed from the vehicle do not leave it in plain view.

Most important when leaving and returning to your home, be observant of vehicles and people who are suspicious. Dial 911 or 626-1300 and be ready to provide the police with as much information as possible, descriptions of people or vehicles, and any plate numbers.

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Chief of Police

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