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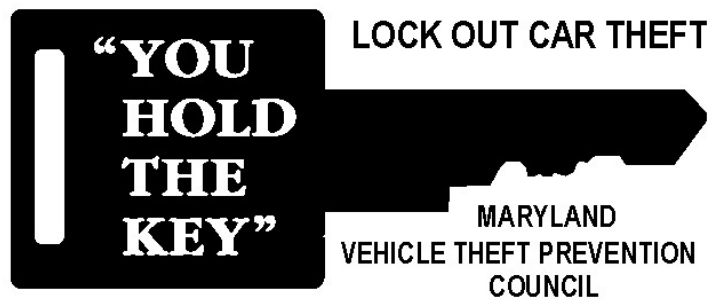
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September 1, 2009

The Honorable Martin O'Malley
Governor of Maryland
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Dear Governor O'Malley,

The Vehicle Theft Prevention Council is pleased to present its 2008 Annual Report. This represents the Council's 14th year of service to the citizens of the State of Maryland.

The Council's Programs have proven to be effective in reducing the vehicle theft problem since the Council's inception and implementation of programs. Today, vehicle theft rates are 34% below the 1994 base year. This is the result of outstanding program strategies which emphasize enforcement, education, prosecution and juvenile intervention.

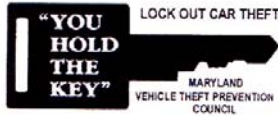
The staggering cost of vehicle theft in terms of lost property and criminal enterprise remains a real concern. It is also a quality of life crime that affects all citizens regardless of social or economic status. The Council remains committed to its charter of reducing the incidents of vehicle theft.

Sincerely,

Terrence B. Sheridan
Superintendent

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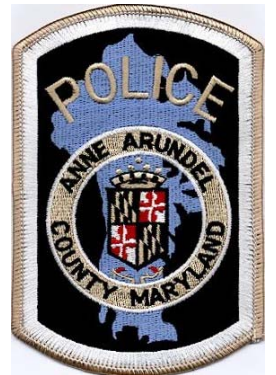
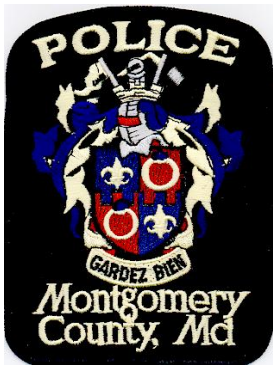
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"Watch Your Car" Program



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Vehicle Theft Prevention Council (Council) is in its 14th year of service to the citizens of the State of Maryland. Council Programs have proven to be highly effective with a direct correlation to funding levels. From 1995 - 2000, Vehicle Theft Programs were fully funded and vehicle theft decreased 32%. From 2001 - 2004 funding levels were drastically reduced and vehicle theft increased 28%. Full funding levels were restored in 2005, with a corresponding decrease of 31%.

WASHINGTON REGION

Of significance, is the high level of vehicle thefts experienced in Prince George's County. Between 2001 - 2004, vehicle theft increased 102% from 8,659 to 18,482. With enhanced funding in FY 2005 - FY 2009, vehicle theft prevention programs were restored in the County. By the end of 2008, vehicle theft had decreased 47% to a level of 9,743; vehicle theft in the Washington Region decreased 42%.

BALTIMORE REGION

The Council's most prominent success has been in the Baltimore Region. In 1994, 55% of all vehicle thefts in the state occurred in Baltimore City and Baltimore County. The Council's first funded Program was to assist in creating a multi-jurisdictional Task Force between the City and the County which has come to be known as the Baltimore Regional Auto Theft Team, or RATT. This proved to be highly successful; vehicle theft rates in Baltimore City and Baltimore County decreased 50% between 1995 - 2000, a level which has been maintained through 2008. The RATT concept was duplicated in the Washington Region in 2005 with similar results.

2008 COUNCIL INITIATIVES

The Council awarded 22 grants in 2008 to a variety of organizations encompassing public awareness and prevention, law enforcement, prosecution, and juvenile intervention, for a total of \$2.3 million (See

Appendix E). These grants were focused on the Baltimore/Washington Metropolitan Area where 94% of all vehicle thefts occur. Grants in the Baltimore Region were awarded to Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Anne Arundel County, Harford County and Howard County. Grant assistance in the Washington Region includes Prince George's County, Montgomery, and Charles Counties. All of these areas have experienced significant vehicle theft reduction upon receiving Council grant and program assistance. All jurisdictions receiving Council assistance in 2008 realized decreases in vehicle theft.

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The Council continues to support and administer "Watch Your Car" which is a National Vehicle Theft Prevention Program. The Program is voluntary and allows police to stop vehicles displaying the special "Watch Your Car" decals between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. There are currently over 35,000 Maryland motorists registered in the Program.

The Council also continues to partner with the MD-DC Anti-Car Theft Committee (ACT). ACT is the Council's private sector partner and provides free "VIN Etching" and other vehicle theft prevention services which supplement the Council's public awareness efforts.

CONCLUSION

The continual decline in Maryland vehicle theft rates strongly suggests that based upon funding levels, the Council has been successful in providing planning and fiscal resources to state, local jurisdictions, and community organizations whose effort, in turn, affected vehicle theft rates. Our goal is not only to continue to reverse the vehicle theft trend, but to continue to manage the problem in the future.

THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF VEHICLE THEFT IN MARYLAND

After four years of significant increase between 2000 - 2004, Maryland has experienced a 31% percent reduction in vehicle theft since 2003. In 1999 Maryland had a total of 26,063 vehicle thefts, a decrease of 32% over 1994. Total thefts rose to 36,406 in 2003 representing an increase of 10,339 stolen vehicles. In 2004 we saw a slight decrease of 545 stolen vehicles, or -1.5%. In 2008, thefts had decreased to 25,340, or a - 31% decrease over 2003. In economic terms this decrease is significant. Based on the \$6,700.00 UCR average price of a stolen vehicle, decreases in thefts since 2003 translates to an economic savings of \$74,142,200 to Maryland citizens.

THE NATURE OF VEHICLE THEFT

Vehicle theft is primarily a crime of opportunity. Victims often fail to employ even the most modest precautions to deter theft. Frequently, victims either do not lock the vehicle, leave the vehicle with the keys in the ignition, or occasionally, both. Several surveys indicate that many cases of vehicle theft result from such carelessness. Surveys by the Baltimore Regional Auto Theft Team (RATT), continues to show that 25-30 percent of recovered stolen vehicles had the key in the car at the time of their recovery.

The Prince George's County Police Department Violent Crime Clearinghouse had similar, though even more dramatic findings. Approximately 32 percent of criminal incident reports surveyed mentioned that the key was found in the recovered vehicle. The Montgomery County Police reported similar findings. Thus, the perpetrators often steal a vehicle with little effort.

PERPETRATORS

Auto theft can best be understood by the perpetrator's motivations. Theft can be distributed into three distinct groups. In most cases, vehicles are stolen either for the resale or distribution of parts, for transportation purposes, or for the commission of other crimes. Of these three factors,

the greatest threat to Maryland citizens is the destruction of vehicles for parts. The operation of "chop shops" allows for the complete destruction of vehicles often resulting in a total loss for the owner. In the other two instances; transportation purposes, and the use of vehicles to commit other crimes; the destruction of the vehicle is generally not as certain and the large majority are recovered.

During 2008 71% of the motor vehicle thefts were automobiles, 20% were trucks and buses, and nine percent were other motor vehicles. Motor vehicle thefts accounted for 13% of property crime and 11% of the crime index. There were 449.8 thefts per 100,000 population.

The 2008 Maryland UCR provided final arrest statistics for vehicle theft. In comparing 2007 to 2008 data, arrests for vehicle theft decreased from 3,353 in 2007 to 3,289 in 2008. The perpetrators, according to the 2008 UCR, were 86 percent male and 14 percent female; with 29 percent being white, 71 percent African American, and less than 1 percent Asian or American Indian. 42 percent of those arrested for vehicle theft were juveniles.

LOCATION OF THEFT

Historical data indicate that vehicle thefts often occur in two distinct areas that conform to a time frame. In most circumstances, thefts occur either in residential areas in the late evening and early morning hours, or in commercial areas in the mid-day hours. In both cases, the perpetrators easily elude observation.

RECOVERY & VEHICLE THEFT

Often, the location of the recovery provides law enforcement officials with valuable information on the nature of the crime. In rural areas, vehicles are often abandoned in fields. Vehicles left in suburban and urban areas generally are found on the street, as if parked. In 2008, 73% of reported stolen vehicles were recovered at a value of \$111,989,165.

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This rather substantial recovery rate suggests that most vehicle theft instances are related either to transportation purposes or to the use of a vehicle to commit other crimes.

TYPES OF VEHICLES STOLEN

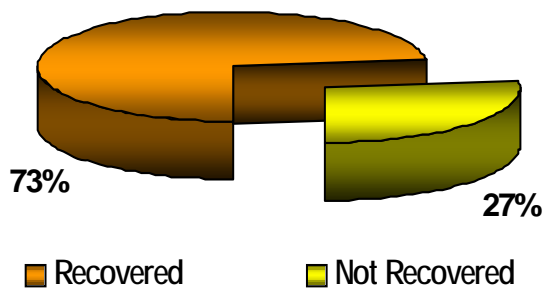
Although vehicle theft is primarily a crime of opportunity, perpetrators often favor particular makes and models. The following list ranks, according to information received by the Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council, the ten most common vehicles stolen in the area of occurrence.

Baltimore Metro Area	Washington Metro Area
1) Dodge Caravan	1) Honda Accord
2) Honda Accord	2) Dodge Caravan
3) Dodge/Plym Neon	3) Dodge Intrepid
4) Honda Civic	4) Dodge Stratus
5) Dodge Intrepid	5) Honda Civic
6) Dodge Stratus	6) Jeep Cherokee
7) Jeep/Grand Cherokee	7) Nissan Maxima
8) Suzuki StBike/MC	8) Ford Taurus
9) Plymouth Voyager	9) Ford Crown Victoria
10) Dodge Ram	10) Ford F Series

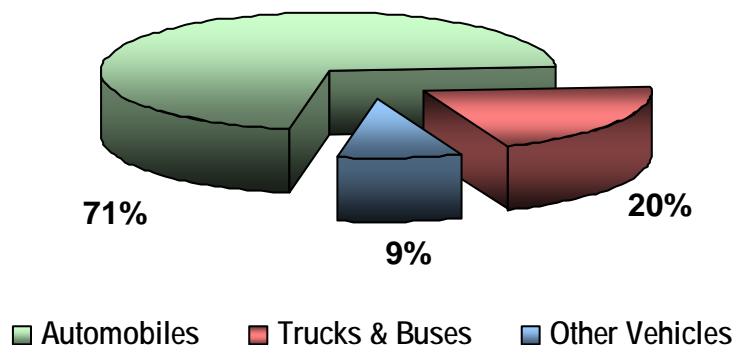
MOTOR VEHICLE ROBBERY

Carjacking, or motor vehicle robbery, decreased in 2008 by 2%. It has previously been hypothesized that, as public awareness programs increase and anti-theft devices become more popular, carjackings would also increase. However, recent data, does not support this hypothesis. From 1994 - 2000 vehicle theft decreased 36% and carjacking decreased 44%. From 2005—2008 vehicle theft decreased 31% and Carjacking decreased 29%. The nature of vehicle theft and vehicle robbery differ drastically. Whereas vehicle theft is a crime of opportunity, vehicle robbery presents the perpetrator with intense personal involvement with the victim. In 2008, vehicle theft decreased 11% and carjacking decreased 2%.

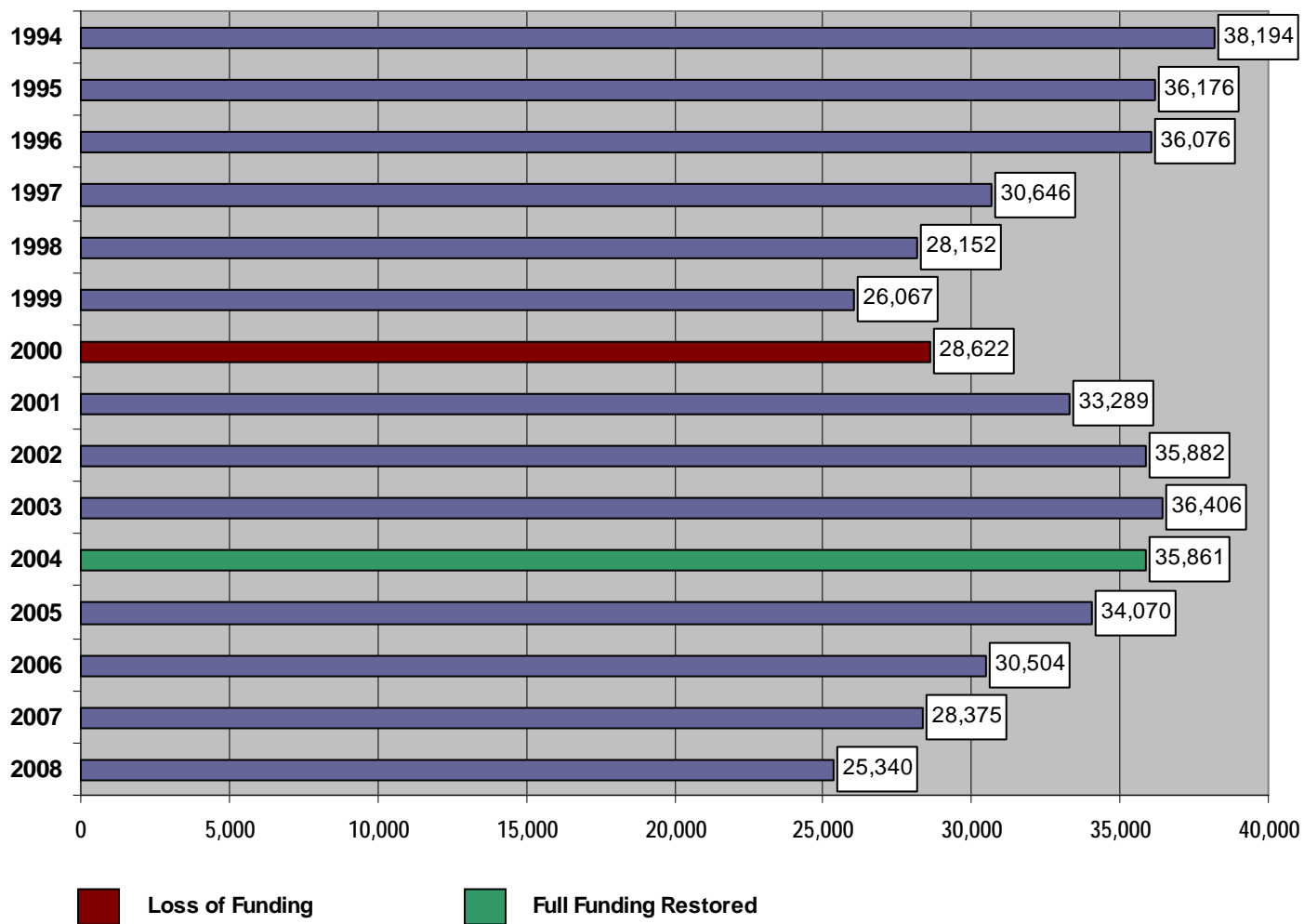
Recovered Stolen Vehicles



Types of Vehicles Stolen

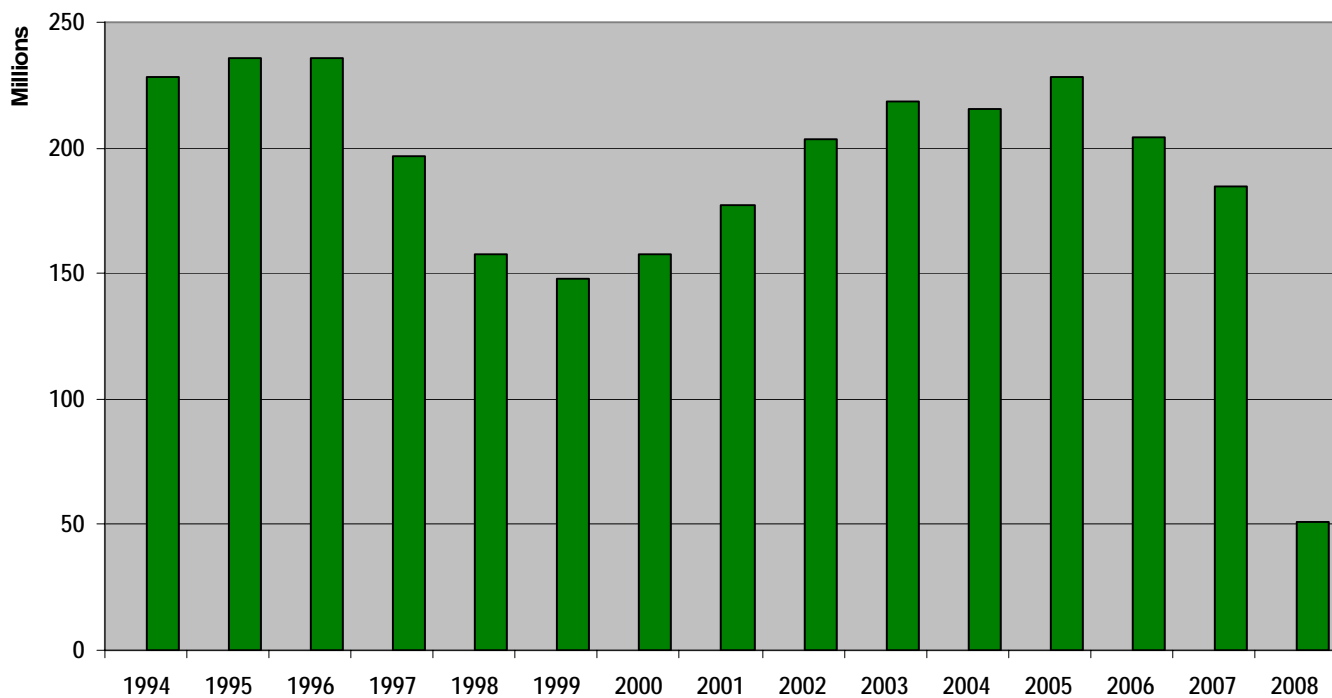


Maryland Vehicle Theft

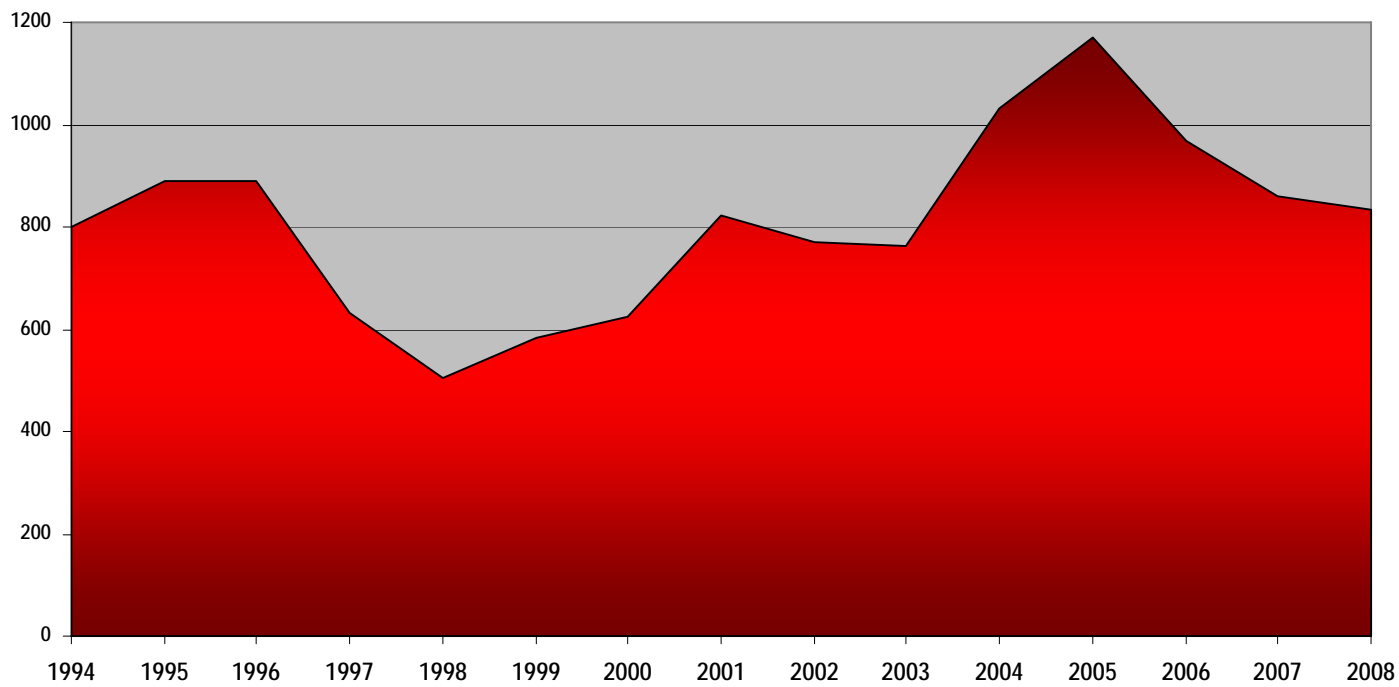


Many stolen vehicles end up like this. The Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council encourages residents to protect their property from theft by employing a "Four Layer Approach"

Economic Loss



Maryland Carjackings



THE EXTENT OF VEHICLE THEFT

As previously stated, vehicle theft has decreased 31% overall when compared to 2003 data. In the Washington, DC Metropolitan area, vehicle theft decreased 15%. The Baltimore Metropolitan area experienced a seven percent decrease. The Baltimore Metro area had seen consistent declines in vehicle theft over the past few years. The Washington Metro area has been struggling, over the past several years to maintain a decline. In 2008 Prince George's County had a decrease of 1,804 stolen vehicles or 15%. Montgomery County had a decrease of 250 vehicles or nine percent.

As previously stated, the Baltimore Metro area has seen continued decreases in vehicle theft since 1994. The most dramatic decreases can be seen in Baltimore County, Baltimore City and Howard County. These three regions had decreases of 53, 59 and 54 percent, respectively, since the intervention of the Council in 1994. As part of the Baltimore Metro area, Anne Arundel County has experienced a 13% decrease, while Harford County has remained static. After FY 2001 funding decreases, Harford County discontinued their Vehicle Theft Prevention Program. In FY 2008 they resumed their program.

Non-Urban regions of the state also reflected decreases in vehicle theft. The Western Region (Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, and Washington Counties) reported a decrease of 7%. The Eastern

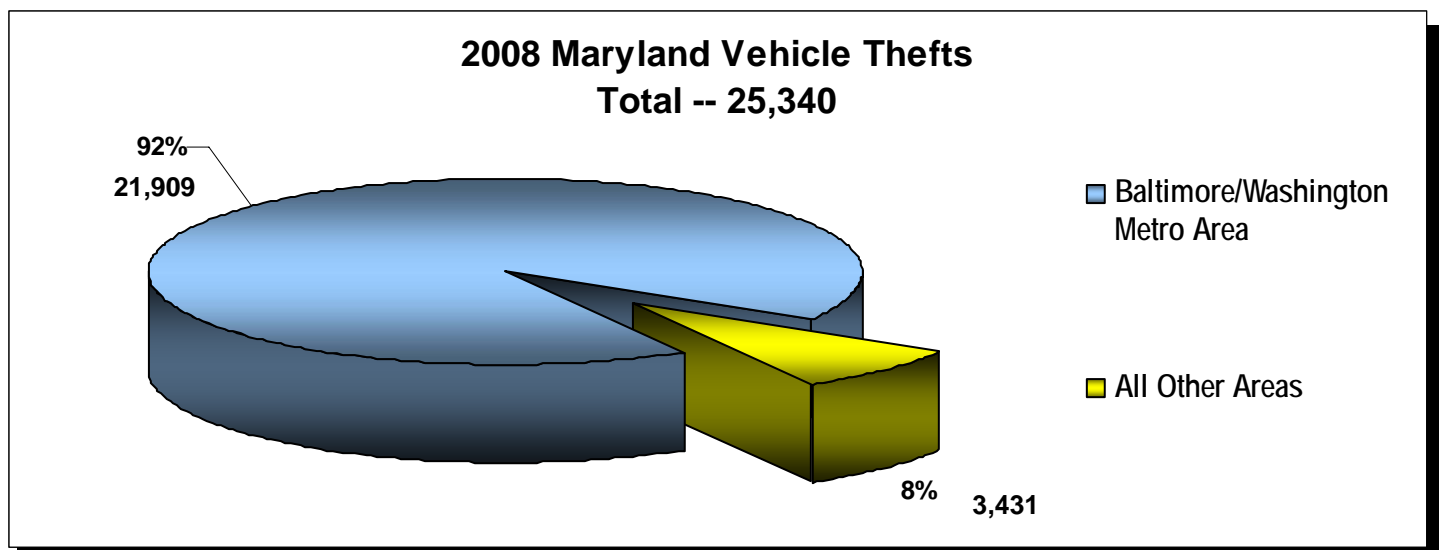
Shore Region (Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties) reported an increase of 41%. The Southern Maryland Region (Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties) reported a decrease of 6.0%. This decrease may be associated with the recent intense enforcement and prosecution effort in the Washington Metro Region.

COMPARISON WITH OTHER CRIMES

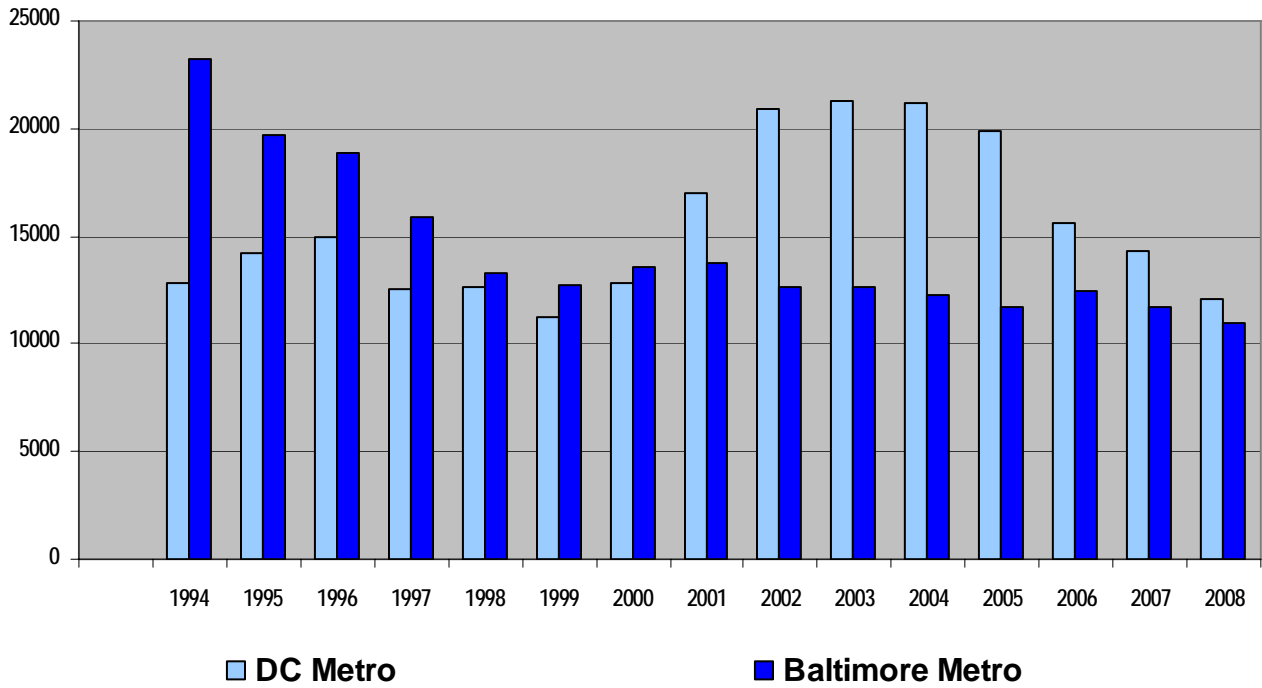
The trends in vehicle theft during 2008 noted here can be compared to other forms of crime. On the whole, crime in Maryland decreased two percent. For 2008, the vehicle theft rate in Maryland has decreased 24%. Since the Council's first programs were implemented in 1994, the motor vehicle theft rate has declined 41 percent (per 100,000 population.). The most significant declines in crime since 1994 has been motor vehicle theft. The crime rate as a whole has declined 24%, whereas, motor vehicle theft rate has declined 41%.

CONCLUSION

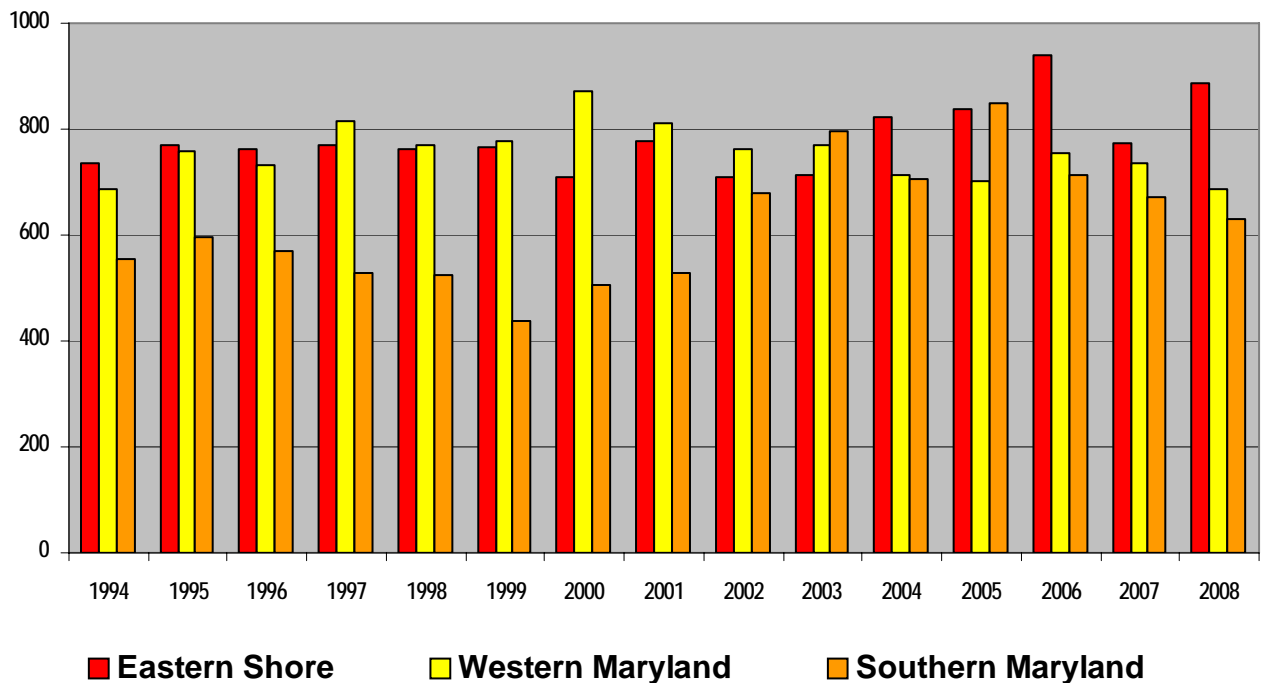
Vehicle theft continues to be a problem for Maryland,. The most recent data reflects a decrease in thefts, while crime in general reflects a slight increase. Research has shown that vehicle thefts are committed in concert with other related crimes. As vehicle thefts decline, the opportunity to commit other related crimes also decreases.



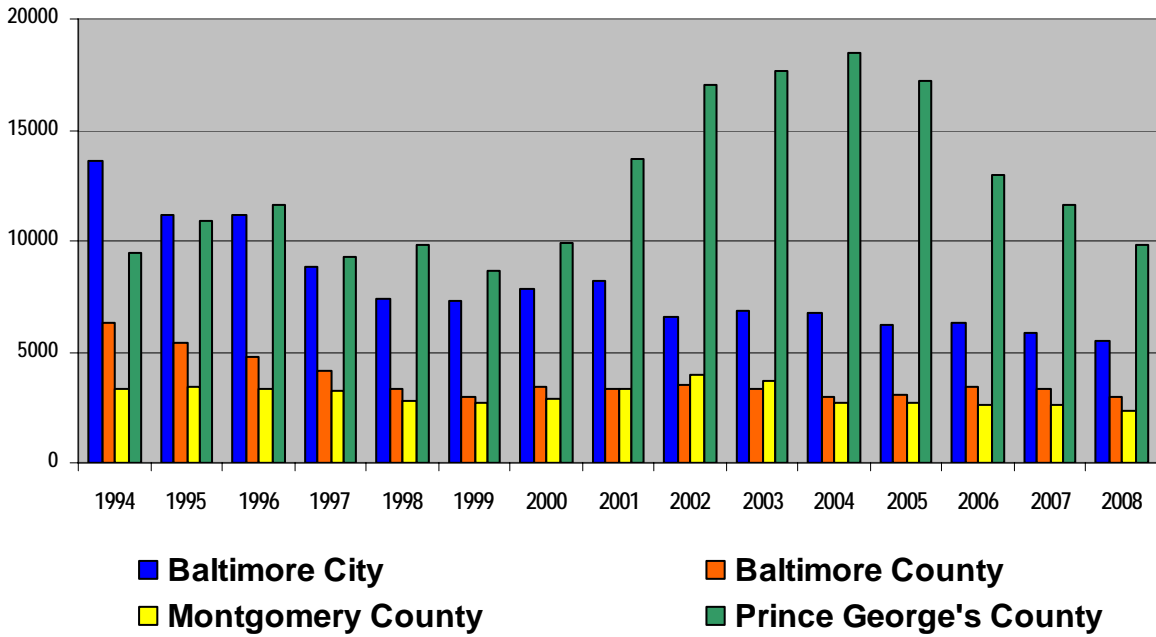
Urban and Suburban Theft



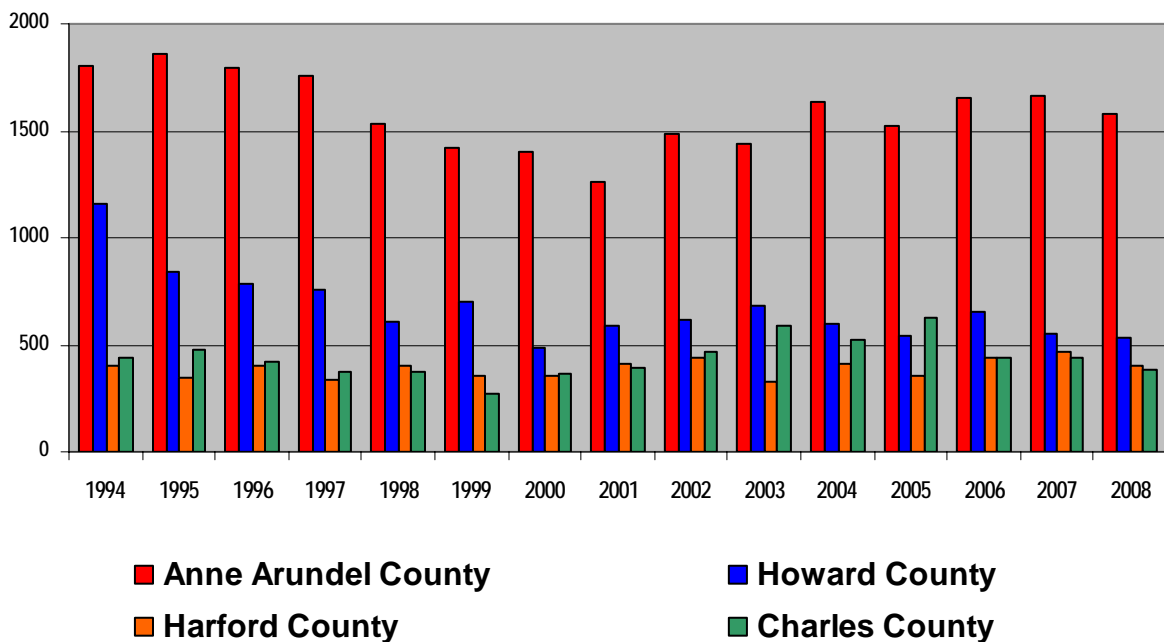
Non-Urban Theft



Maryland Jurisdictional Vehicle Theft



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STATEWIDE VEHICLE THEFT STRATEGIES

FOUR PART APPROACH

The Council has embraced a four-part programmatic approach based on efforts in other states which have proven effective in vehicle theft prevention

PREVENTION / EDUCATION

Statistics estimate that in three out of four cases of auto theft, owners left the doors unlocked. In one out of four cases, keys were left in the ignition. Without prevention efforts and public support, law enforcement alone cannot effectively prevent vehicle thefts in Maryland.

Public education campaigns and prevention training programs can increase individual awareness of the cost of vehicle theft, provide tips for vehicle owners to prevent thefts, and demonstrate the savings that preventative measures yield. The Council encourages prevention programs that promote public awareness and provide public training in the preventative measures.

In an effort to assure maximum effectiveness and statewide coverage of a prevention campaign, the Council encourages programs covering multiple jurisdictions. Partnerships promoting vehicle theft prevention programs between local law enforcement agencies and community organizations are strongly promoted. All law enforcement grants are required to have a prevention component.

DETECTION AND APPREHENSION

The Council encourages detection and apprehension programs by specifically allocating funds to law enforcement agencies. Vehicle theft detection and apprehension programs include community involvement programs, detection training programs, and enhancements to information-gathering programs. Vehicle theft often transcends jurisdictional boundaries; the Council, therefore, encourages law enforcement efforts covering multiple jurisdictional boundaries. An example of this is multi-agency vehicle theft

enforcement teams. Multi-jurisdictional efforts may include municipalities, counties, regions, and community organizations.

PROSECUTION & CONVICTION

Prosecution and conviction of automobile thieves is one of the most important means of breaking vehicle theft rings and reducing the economic incentives of vehicle theft.

In the past, the prosecution of vehicle theft cases had a relatively low priority at both local and state levels because of four factors: staffs were limited and consumed with prosecution of violent crimes, vehicle theft is a property crime as opposed to a personal crime, victims receive insurance compensation, and vehicle theft prosecutions are complex and expensive in comparison to resultant penalties. A special prosecutor to handle vehicle theft cases through both district and circuit courts is an effective method in achieving convictions.

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The Council encourages prosecution and judicial programs designed to assist with the prosecution of persons charged with vehicle theft offenses, as well as efforts to implement legislative changes that facilitate the prosecution of vehicle thieves and forfeiture of their property.

JUVENILE INTERVENTION

Because of the large percentage of juveniles involved in auto theft, the Council will dedicate a percentage of funds to juvenile service agencies to develop programmatic initiatives with specific vehicle theft offense components. The funds will also be used to improve data collection to enhance research and analysis capabilities of juveniles involved in vehicle theft and related offenses. Schools may be an effective setting for presenting special vehicle theft programs to large groups of young people. Current study data indicates a need to influence juveniles in both middle and high schools about the consequences of vehicle theft.

EVALUATION OF THE COUNCIL'S IMPACT

Enabling legislation mandated an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council with a report to the Governor and General Assembly by November 1, 1996.

To maintain the highest element of objectivity and credibility, the Council contracted with an independent entity, the University of Baltimore's Schaefer Center for Public Policy, to conduct the evaluation.

The evaluation concluded the following:

- Conclusions are tentative because of the short period of time that the Council-funded programs have been in effect.
- Based on available evidence, the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council and Fund appear to be responsible for a decline in reported vehicle thefts.
- The Program appears to be cost effective.
- Public Awareness/Prevention/Education appear to greatly impact vehicle theft trends.
- Funding for the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council should be continued.

The Council again evaluated the effectiveness of its program in 1999. The 1996 Report was updated by the University of Baltimore Schaefer Center for Public Policy. This Report concluded that there was a definite correlation between Council intervention and declining vehicle theft rates. In fact, analytic data predicted that absent the Council's intervention in 1995, vehicle theft rates would have continued to escalate.

ANTI-CAR THEFT COMMITTEE

In 1997 the Council organized the Maryland Anti-Car Theft Committee (A.C.T.) As a public/private partnership between the Council, automobile insurance carriers, and other vehicle related organizations.

The A.C.T. Committee has been formally incorporated in Maryland as a 501(c3) nonprofit tax exempt organization. The primary function of the A.C.T. Committee is to organize and fund various public awareness /education/prevention programs throughout Maryland, thereby enhancing and broadening the base of the Council's efforts.

The Council continues to partnership with the A.C.T. Committee. A.C.T. is proposing to continue their statewide VIN etching campaign. This is a process where the vehicle's identification number (VIN) is etched into the vehicle's windows. VIN etching is known as an excellent form of vehicle theft deterrence and is offered as a "Free Service" by the A.C.T. Committee.

In 2000 A.C.T. expanded its area of responsibility to include the District of Columbia, becoming the MD-DC ACT Committee. The ACT Committee has also provided funding to the Montgomery County Police Centralized Auto Theft Team (CATT) to enhance their capabilities to access stolen car information more rapidly through portable lap top computers. They also partner with the Baltimore Regional Auto Theft Team (RATT) and provided funding to assist the startup of the Washington Area Vehicle Enforcement Team, (WAVE) and assist community policing programs in the District of Columbia.

"WATCH YOUR CAR"

In October 1997, Maryland was awarded a Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance grant to launch the national "Watch Your Car" program. Maryland was one of the first seven

states to be at the forefront of this national vehicle theft prevention program. The "Watch Your Car" initiative allows motor vehicle owners to voluntarily display a reflective decal on their vehicles to alert police that the vehicle is not normally driven between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. If the vehicle is observed being operated during these hours, the owner has consented to having the vehicle stopped by police anywhere in the United States. Police can then ensure that the vehicle is not stolen.

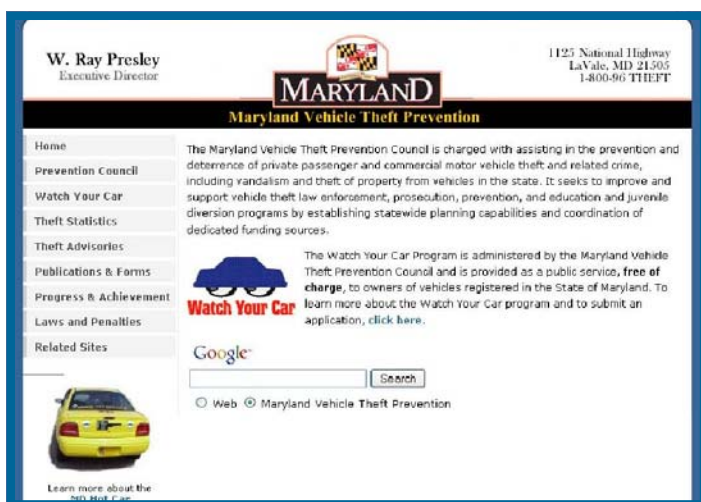
This program is totally voluntary and at no cost to the participants. Similar decal programs throughout the country have proven successful. In the past,



however, a lack of uniformity in program hours and decal designs has limited its effectiveness. The national "Watch Your Car" program will remedy these problems; it brings uniformity to the concept. Police officers nationwide will come to recognize and understand the parameters and benefits of the "Watch Your Car" program so that it will not be limited by state and local boundaries.

This program was officially implemented in August of 1998. Currently, there are over 35,000 Maryland motorists registered in the program with 78 law enforcement agencies participating statewide. In 2000, the Council applied for, and received, "Watch Your Car" Supplemental Funding of \$240,000.00. This continued the program through 2003. The Council has since assumed funding responsibilities to continue this valuable program.

COUNCIL WEBSITE www.mdautotheft.org



In furtherance of the Council's progressive actions, a website was developed and went online in January, 2000. The website is directed at providing vehicle theft prevention data and an interactive link to the public and numerous other vehicle theft prevention organizations nationwide. The website received over 60,000 hits during 2008 with 3,312 motorists registering with the "Watch Your Car" Program online.

MAJOR CASES Council Funded Auto Theft Units

Vehicle theft permeates other criminal offenses. The following investigations illustrate the extensive

use of stolen vehicles in perpetrating other serious criminal offenses and how aggressive auto theft investigations are successful in the apprehension of violent criminal offenders and resolution of violent criminal offenses.

Baltimore Regional Auto Theft Team (RATT)

1. On 10/16/08 in Pc9/White Marsh there was a physical **car jacking** when a grandmother was returning to her 1997 Honda Civic in the mall parking lot. A suspect assaulted her and tried to take her car. The grandmother fought back as her seven year old grandson was still in the vehicle. The grandmother was able to rescue her grandson, but took a beating. This was a big news-media case. On 10/20/08, Detectives Halstead and Paul arrested Thomas Frazier, M/W, 01/28/80, in the 500 block E. 33rd Street (ND). Frazier drove the vehicle taken in this crime. He was still wearing the same clothes that he wore when he assaulted the victim. The suspect was transported to Pc9/White Marsh to be charged in the County with the car jacking.

2. On 11/20/08, Detective Kovolenko spotted a stolen 2005 Ford Taurus traveling E/B on Sinclair Lane and St. Lo Drive. The vehicle had been reported stolen in the Northeastern District in an **armed car jacking** under CC#08-4K01281. Detective Kovolenko requested unmarked units to follow the vehicle. Detectives McTamany and Martin were in the area and began to follow the vehicle. After following the vehicle for several minutes, the vehicle began to flee and was stopped when the operator bailed out in the 2400 block E. North Avenue (ED). The operator was arrested after a brief foot chase and identified as Steven Napper, M/B, 03/14/81, 2558 Asquith Street (ED). The clothes described in the robbery were in the vehicle

Both subjects are on Parole until 2011 for **Armed Robbery. Defendant Napper was released from Jail three weeks prior to this incident after serving six years of a 10-year sentence for car jacking.** Northeast District DDU obtained information during the interview that resulted in obtaining search warrants related to weapons possibly involved in this incident. The search warrants had not been served as of the writing of this report.



3. On 12/10/08, Detectives Beall and Ralph attempted to stop a 2001 Dodge Ram P/U, at W. Lafayette Avenue and N. Calhoun Street (WD). The vehicle had been reported stolen through Baltimore County, Precinct 7 on 12/09/08 under CC#08-344-1248. The vehicle fled and eventually crashed in the 2200 block Reisterstown Road (WD) where the driver bailed out and tossed a fake black handgun under a nearby vehicle. The suspect was captured and identified as Yalmi Abdul Shiheed, M/B, dob 01/25/84 of 1100 Bolton Street Apt. 1211 (CD).

Suspect Shiheed was interviewed by the following Detectives and Units, Detectives Beall and Ralph (RATT) Detective Early (WD/DDU) and Detective Savage (CityWide Robbery). At the conclusion of the interviews the following cases were cleared:

Case #08-7L04470: Stolen 2001 Dodge Ram, Maryland tags 16G544 reported stolen through Baltimore County, Precinct 7 CC#08-344-1248.

Case #08-5L04092: Armed Commercial Robbery of the Subway located at 2725 Sisson Street (ND).

Case #08-6L04296: Armed Commercial Robbery of the BP Gas Station located at 2850 Liberty Heights Avenue (NW). Subway located at 2725 Sisson Street (ND).

Case #08-7L04259: Armed Commercial Robbery of the 7-11 located at 2701 W. Franklin Street (WD).

4. State vs John Hughes and Trishera Hill. On 07/03/08, Officer Cullip #5215 of Pc2/Woodlawn— John Wilbert Hughes was in the parking lot of the Crab Shack located at 9036 block of Liberty Road. Hughes was in parked vehicle on the lot sitting in a

black 2005 Ford F-150 with Maryland registration 69R181. The truck had a red Suzuki motorcycle strapped into the bed. Officer Cullip asked about the motorcycle that was in the back of the truck. John Hughes stated he had just picked up the bike from Interstate 695 at Interstate 70 where a friend of his had broken down while operating the motorcycle.

He further stated he was the president of a motorcycle club called “Death Before Dishonor” and it was common for members to contact him with such requests. He also indicated that his club name is “Pitbull”, Hughes provided an address of 3820 Green Ash Court in Randallstown, Maryland.

The motorcycle was reported as stolen in Howard County on 07/02/08 under report number 08-0661777. Hughes was arrested for theft of the motorcycle. In a Search incident to arrest, officers found that Hughes was in possession of four stolen cell phones, which

were still in the original packaging. Officer Cullip found the cell phones to be reported stolen in Anne Arundel County on 03/01/08 under report number 08-708777. The phones were taken from Advanced Wireless located at 337 Hospital Drive in Glen Burnie. During the theft over 46 phones valued over \$20,000 were taken.

Detectives Frauenhoffer and Grant went to Hughes’ home at 3820 Green Ash Court in Randallstown, and they saw a Yamaha motorcycle parked in front of the location. The Yamaha had the name “Death Before Dishonor” and “Pit-bull” on the front windscreen. The motorcycle’s engine number was completely obliterated.

On 07/03/08, your Affiants executed a search and seizure warrant at 3820 Green Ash Court in Randallstown, 21133. They obtained evidence,





particularly computerized equipment (files) and paper documents. This information requires further analysis. Some evidence, such as a key to the 2005 Yamaha YZF-R1 was recovered.

On 07/04/08, Detectives Frauenhoffer and Grant were attempting to locate the EZStorage garage for John Hughes. They went to the EZ Storage location on Lord Baltimore Drive, and spotted John Hughes and Mrs. Hill, who they had met the day before, at a garage, loading motorcycles. Hughes and Hill quickly got into their vehicles, and attempted to flee. Detective Frauenhoffer got in front of the vehicle that John Hughes was driving, a 1994 Ford Truck, a U-Haul rental truck. Detective Frauenhoffer motioned for John Hughes to stop, and Hughes made a “NO” indication, and drove towards Detective Frauenhoffer. Had Detective Frauenhoffer not moved, Hughes would have struck him. Detective Frauenhoffer retreated to his vehicle, and attempted to follow, but Mrs. Hill blocked them with her vehicle, She then fled.


Detective Andrew Lloyd of the Howard County Police Auto Theft Unit was working with Detectives Frauenhoffer and Grant, but was in a separate car, and saw what happened. He followed in his Howard County Police undercover police vehicle. He was able to stop and capture John Hughes at Lord Baltimore Road and Oakbridge. On John Hughes' person were two more of the stolen cellular telephones that had been taken in the aforementioned burglary in Anne Arundel County.

Detectives Frauenhoffer and Grant applied for and received search warrants for the U-Haul truck and storage locker. Sergeant Jagoe and Howard

County Police Detectives held the garage. In the search of the U-Haul truck, we found three stolen motorcycles:

- ◆ (Charge two): On 08/31/07, Alex Vermoer of Largo, MD, reported to the Anne Arundel County P.D. that his black/gray 2006 Suzuki GSX600, MD tags 2D3188 was stolen. The theft was reported under A.A. County CC#07-736667.
- ◆ (Charge three): On 06/04/08, Joseph Hunter reported his lime green 2008 Kawasaki 1000 motorcycle stolen through Baltimore City Police Department under CC#08-9F 01556. The vehicle had been equipped with a Lo-Jack transmitter. The Baltimore Regional Auto Theft Team made immediate steps to locate the vehicle using both the Baltimore City and Baltimore County Aviation units and using our own ground Lo-Jack units. The vehicle could not be found. The Lo-Jack transmitter had its wires cut, disabling it, and proving that Hughes intended to keep the motorcycle and to permanently deprive the owner of the motorcycle and its value.
- ◆ (Charge four): On 06/04/08, Christopher Pecore reported his 2006 Suzuki GSXR motorcycle stolen through Baltimore County Police Department under CC#08-156-0495. In the report, the motorcycle is valued at \$10,000.00.

We believe that John Hughes is a ringleader in a large interstate motorcycle theft ring. On 07/11/08 Detectives Burger and Grant conducted an engine number—acid restoration, and learned that it was reported stolen in Baltimore County Pct9/White Marsh on 09/24/07 under CC#07-267-0328.



The flaming yellow Dodge Neon dubbed the **MD HOT CAR** attracts thieves like moths to a flame. The Neon was selected because it has historically been a popular car for thieves in Maryland. This car has all of the anti-theft devices that experts say will deter theft. The **MD HOT CAR** uses **COMMON SENSE DETERRENENTS** consisting of **DOOR LOCKS AND IGNITION KEYS**; is equipped with a vehicle **RECOVERY SYSTEM LOJACK**; uses **VISUAL DETERRENENTS** consisting of **VIN ETCHING**, the **THE CLUB**, registration in the Maryland **WATCH YOUR CAR PROGRAM**; and is equipped with **PHYSICAL DETERRENENTS** consisting of a **HOOD LOCK**, and the **IMMOBILIZER**.



Washington Area Vehicle Enforcement Team (WAVE)

Prince George's County Police Department

Three synopses of interesting cases from 2008:

- ◆ In January 2008, WAVE executed a search warrant at 4764 Clifton Road, Temple Hills, Maryland. The business name was A & B Trucking and it was operating as an unlicensed recycler and dismantler. We recovered twenty-three stolen vehicles and stolen parts from other vehicles. Multiple people were ultimately charged from the investigation. The owner/operator cooperated with our investigator and has continued to forward us information that led to more arrests.



- ◆ In June 2008, WAVE executed a search warrant at 12225 Van Brady Road, Croom, Maryland. The search warrant was in regards to a stolen Dodge Magnum that had been stripped of its engine. The property at Van Brady was a residential property but was being used to store vehicles. Over 200 vehicles were at the location. Eleven stolen vehicles were recovered and eighteen guns during the search warrant.



- ◆ In February 2008, WAVE initiated a decoy operation to apprehend rogue tow truck operators that were stealing older model vehicles off the street and selling them to dismantlers, such as J. Smith and Sons. We set out our decoy vehicle and attached a GPS unit to the vehicle. Using a surveillance van we recorded a suspect pulling up to our decoy vehicle in a tow truck. The suspect checked the decoy vehicle out and quickly hooked it up and drove off. The suspect towed our decoy vehicle to another location, at which point we approached him and placed him under arrest. The arrested subject cooperated with investigators and provided us with enough information that led to other arrests.





Anne Arundel County Auto Theft Team

Case Number 08-728607

During July of 2008 Det. Varner of the Oscoda County Sheriff's Department in Mio, Michigan, contacted Det. Matthews in reference to an E-Bay fraud and theft case. Det. Varner advised that they had a victim in their jurisdiction that purchased a 2001, Lincoln, LS on the auction web site E-Bay. The victim paid \$6,600.00 for the vehicle and sent a check to the seller who was identified as Jeff Soper. Soper advised the victim that the vehicle was sold on his account, but he was not the seller. A subject named Brendan Gilbreath was selling the vehicle. Soper had the victim contact Gilbreath. The victim contacted Gilbreath and he made arrangements to ship the vehicle and title. Soper cashed the victim's check. The vehicle was not shipped and the two subjects have not contacted the victim.

Det. Matthews began an investigation into the incident. Det. Matthews was familiar with Gilbreath who was investigated in the past for E-Bay fraud. Det. Matthews spoke with the victim who advised that she purchased the vehicle from Soper. Soper advised her that Gilbreath was the subject selling the vehicle, but by then a check was shipped to Soper. The victim spoke with Gilbreath and made arrangements with him to have the vehicle shipped by a shipping company. That company attempted to pick-up the vehicle, but was unable to locate it and Gilbreath would not return their phone calls. The victim advised that Soper cashed the check. Soper advised the victim that he learned that Gilbreath had sold the vehicle twice and failed to ship it to either buyer.

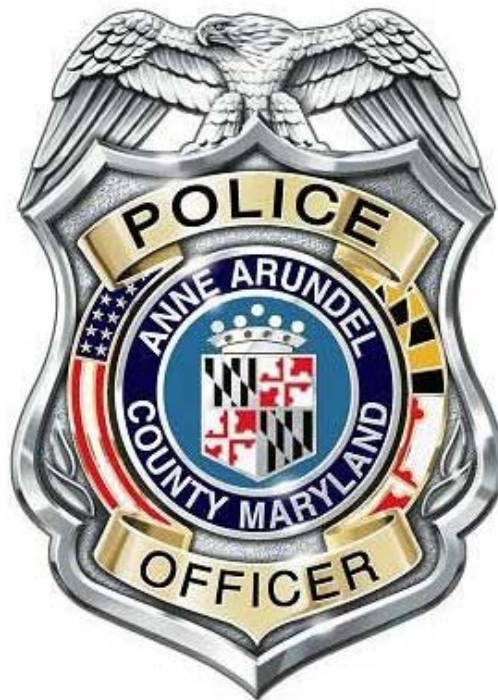
Det. Matthews obtained information from E-Bay security and found that Gilbreath had the vehicle, but was using Soper's account for the transactions.

Det. Matthews spoke with Soper who advised that Gilbreath had approached him and asked to use his E-Bay account to sell some vehicle. He advised Soper that his account was suspended and he needed to sell a few vehicles. Soper advised that he allowed Gilbreath to use his account. He sold a few vehicles with no known problems. He then sold the Lincoln to the victim in Michigan. The victim sent him a check for the vehicle and he contacted the victim and told her to contact Gilbreath. At about that time he learned that Gilbreath had sold the same vehicle to a subject and did not ship it. He called Gilbreath who advised he returned the first seller's money and it was a miss understanding. He then advised he was shipping the vehicle to Michigan. Soper advised he held the check before giving the money to Gilbreath. He then learned that Gilbreath never shipped the vehicle and that he possible defrauded other people the same way.

Det. Matthews was able to verify Soper story about the events and obtained a written statement. Det. Matthews is attempting to locate other possible victims with E-Bay's assistance. Gilbreath was charged with theft over \$500.00.

Case Numbers 08-742026 and 08-744367

In July of 2008 Det. Matthews began an investigation into a theft and fraud case that was occurring on the Internet auction site E-Bay. The suspect was selling vehicles on the site and after he got the check for the vehicle he would no longer contact the victim or ship the vehicle. The first victim was a subject in Michigan and the suspect was identified. The suspect was charged in that incident, but during the investigation Det. Matthews learned that there were possible other victims who had also been scammed by the suspect.





Det. Matthews located another victim of the same theft scheme. The Victim's had purchased a vehicle from the suspect on E-Bay. The suspect sent them a title for the vehicle, but failed to send the vehicle. He soon stopped speaking with the victims who were now out approximately \$6,000.00. The vehicle that the victims had purchased was the same vehicle that was purchased by the victim in the July case. The suspect was charged in this incident with theft over \$500.00 and theft scheme over \$500.00.

On 10-17-08 Det. Matthews located another victim of suspect's fraud. This victim was a vehicle wholesaler in New York. The victim purchased a 1999, Volkswagen. The victim purchased the vehicle on the Internet from the suspect for \$3,750.00. The victim wired the suspect the money and received a title for the vehicle, but never got the vehicle. Det. Matthews was able to do title work in this incident and was able to prove that the suspect had possession of this vehicle at some point after he sold the vehicle. He was also able to subpoena his bank record to show the money was wired into his account. The suspect will also be charged in this incident with theft over \$500.00 and theft scheme over \$500.00.

Case Numbers 2008-723938 and 2007-721833

On June 7, 2008, at approximately 0026 hours, Ofc. Schwarz # 1665 of the Anne Arundel County Police Department, Southern District responded to 1605 Havre De Grace Drive, Edgewater, MD in reference to a stolen automobile complaint.

Upon arrival, Ofc. Schwarz spoke with the complainant, Lillian Denny. Ms. Denny advised that her blue, 1999 Jeep Grand Cherokee, VIN# 1J4GW68N4XC746485 was stolen from outside her residence between June 6, 2008 at approximately 2245 hours and the reporting date of June 7, 2008 at 0026 hours.

Ms. Denny advised that her daughter, Melissa Denny returned home from the movies at approximately 2245 hours and observed the blue Jeep in front of the residence. Ms. Denny advised that around midnight her son, Christopher Denny, returned home and went down stairs. Her son called her cell phone and advised that her Jeep was missing.

Ofc. Schwarz did not observe any glass near or around where the vehicle was parked. The keys to the vehicle were still inside the house on Christopher Denny's dresser. Ms. Denny further advised that her son had several tools and a GPS system inside the vehicle.



In the fall of 2008, Det. Butts met with Kathy Bartholomew, Special Investigator for Nationwide Insurance. Mrs. Bartholomew advised that Nationwide Insurance received a claim from Lillian Denny in reference to the theft of her 1999 Jeep Grand Cherokee. Mrs. Bartholomew advised that she has spent several days since the theft investigating the claim and advised that Lillian Denny was attempting to commit insurance fraud.

Through investigation of cellular phone records, completed insurance affidavits and witness statements it was affirmed that Lillian Denny did attempt to defraud nationwide Insurance. Ms. Denny was charged by this agency for filing two false police reports. Another stolen vehicle report that was filed by Ms. Denny in the later part of 2007 and determined to be false. Information and statements obtained from Ms. Denny while investigating the 2008 claim assisted in determining this case false.



Charles County Sheriff's Office Auto Theft Unit

On 04/02/09, the Charles County Sheriff's Office received a report of a stolen 2004 Honda Dirt Bike from a residence in La Plata, MD. This vehicle was stolen after the suspects forced entry into the victim's garage. After Det. Schwab interviewed the victim, it was learned that the vehicle had been offered for sale on the popular internet website Craig's List. The victim only received one inquiry on the motorcycle and recorded the cell phone number of the caller. The caller expressed interested and obtained direction to the victim's residence. The vehicle was stolen less than a week after this call. Det. Schwab and Det. Gross obtained the subscriber information for this cell phone and conducted surveillance at the caller's residence. During surveillance, the suspect was observed getting into a pickup truck with two additional males. Det. Schwab immediately recognized these to additional males as Aaron and Ryan Prudhomme. The Prudhomme brothers had been involved in a similar incident in 2008 where a motorcycle was stolen from Charles County, MD and later recovered in front of the Prudhomme's residence in Lanham, MD. Det. Schwab produced a Police Information Bulletin with the details of this investigation, emphasizing the victim's property being listed for sale on Craigslist prior to the theft. This bulletin led to charges against these suspects in Fauquier County, Virginia and Prince George's County, Maryland. Det. Schwab obtained charges for one of the suspects in this group and he was charged on a Juvenile Offense Report. The victim's motorcycle was recovered with minimal damage



and returned. Court proceeds are pending in this investigation.

On 02/28/08, the business trading as Waldorf Ford contacted the Charles County Sheriff's Office in reference to the theft of a motor vehicle. This business report a 2008 Ford F350 stolen from their sales lot. A manager at the business reported that Christopher Pinkney had attempted to purchase this vehicle with a fraudulent check. The sale was terminated and the vehicle was returned to the business. A few days later this vehicle turned up missing from the lot. Det. Baker and Det. Schwab interviewed Christopher Pinkney and gained consent to search his property. The vehicle was not recovered during this search. On 02/18/09, Det. Baker and Schwab received an anonymous tip that Pinkney was in possession of a stolen truck from Waldorf. Detectives responded immediately to his residence in Upper Marlboro, Prince George's County, MD and set up surveillance. During this surveillance, detectives observed a Ford F350 arrive at the residence. They made contact with the driver of this vehicle and identified him as Christopher Pinkney. Pinkney told detectives that the vehicle belonged to him and that it was a 1999 model Ford F250. Det. Baker and Det. Schwab immediately recognized that the vehicle in question was a 2008 model because of the vehicle's grill assembly and tailgate. Det. Baker looked at the Public Vehicle Identification



Number (PVIN) and determined that it had been replaced with a PVIN belonging to a 1999 model. This vehicle was removed from the scene and later identified using auto theft investigative techniques. It was identified as the vehicle stolen from Waldorf Ford. The suspect had a fraudulent title on the scene which was also confiscated. Pinkney was charged after the identification of this vehicle and is awaiting court proceedings.

On May 15, 2009 Detective Godwin from the La Plata Town Police alerted the Charles County Sheriff's Office Auto Theft Unit of a possible false report regarding a vehicle theft back in 2008 of a Ford Taurus. Detective Godwin was investigating a theft of a Honda that occurred at the La Plata Wal-Mart. The victim received a "Red Light" Ticket in the mail that contained a photograph of her registration plate affixed to a red Ford Taurus. The victim alerted Det Godwin that her registration plates were affixed to the Ford Taurus and told Godwin of a possible suspect by the name of Kevin Vincent Moreland (B/M 12/04/1964).

Detective Gross # 364 & Detective Schwab # 393 checked local files and found that Moreland and his daughter both reported vehicles stolen in the month of July. Suspect Kevin Moreland reported his 1987 International Dump Truck stolen on 7/7/08. Suspect Latasha Moreland reported her 1997 Red Ford Taurus stolen on 7/25/08. Detective Schwab # 393 was near the residence of Kevin Moreland in St. Mary's County on an unrelated investigation and drove to the residence on Flora Corner Road in Mechanicsville. From the roadway Detective Schwab was able to see a red Ford Taurus in the driveway. Detectives drove to the Moreland residence and observed the registration plate of 5EF F30 affixed to the red Ford

Taurus. Contact was made with Moreland who refused to cooperate and ordered officers off the property. The Ford Taurus was not the same Taurus reported stolen and the stolen registration plates were recovered.

Detectives began investigating Kevin Moreland's insurance claims and discovered Moreland had files numerous claims. Moreland had several arsons to his residence, vehicles, and his

recreational vehicle. The State Fire Marshall was actively investigating the reports. Gross & Schwab checked Carfax and learned that the NICB had an active case involving the Red Ford Taurus. Gross contacted Investigator Tom Reich and learned the Ford Taurus reported stolen by Latasha Moreland was dismantled at the business known as Smith & Sons Inc. in Prince George's County, MD. Detective Gross obtained documents from the a search warrant done at the business and learned the vehicle was dismantled 7/21/09, making it impossible for the vehicle to have been stolen in Charles County on 7/25/09. MVA

Investigators assisted with the investigation and found that Moreland falsified MVA documents listing his 1975 International Dump truck as a 1987 International. Investigators found that Moreland obtained an insurance policy on the truck and reported it stolen to obtain insurance money. The MVA Investigators also uncovered a fraudulent CDL driver's license scam that Moreland participated in.

Further investigation into the Moreland family found numerous false reports to different jurisdictions, false insurance claims, arson, and theft. On 7/22/09 Detectives from the Charles County Sheriff's Office, Maryland State Police, NICB Agents, Fire Marshal's and Insurance Investigators served a search warrant at





Moreland's house uncovering even more evidence to convict Latasha Moreland and Kevin Moreland of Insurance Fraud and false reports. A stolen Skid Steer was recovered from the Moreland home

along with stolen registration plates and the vehicle Moreland had cloned through the MVA. The theft scheme and fraud committed by Moreland was estimated at \$400,000.00

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Howard County Police Auto Theft Unit

Motor Vehicle Theft / Weapons Violation

Case # 08-52669

On May 28, 2008, Cpl. Mullinix and DFC Lloyd were in the area of 10127 Washington Boulevard conducting computer checks for stolen vehicles at 2243 hours. DFC Lloyd observed a silver 2003 Isuzu Axiom. DFC Lloyd observed the driver of the vehicle apparently reaching under his seat. When the driver observed DFC Lloyd's unmarked Nissan Maxima, he quickly began to drive out of the parking lot across northbound Washington Boulevard and onto southbound Washington Boulevard with all the vehicle's lights turned off. Computer checks indicated that the tags were suspended and DFC Lloyd

activated his emergency equipment in an attempt to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle, which refused to stop. A high speed vehicle pursuit ensued for 26 miles which included Maryland State Police and Prince George's County Police. During the pursuit the suspects threw a handgun from the vehicle which subsequently discharged after striking the ground. The suspects later threw a scale with suspected cocaine residue from the vehicle and the pursuit ended with the suspect's vehicle striking a tree. All three occupants were arrested by Cpl. Mullinix and DFC Lloyd and charged with vehicle theft, handgun violations, CDS violations and traffic charges.

ATV & Dirtbike Theft

Case # 08-68281, 08-86108

In August of 2008, DFC Andrew Lloyd of the Howard County Auto Theft Unit assisted members of the Vice & Narcotics unit with identifying a possible stolen ATV. During the execution of a narcotics search and seizure warrant the ATV was

located inside a storage unit with the ignition popped. DFC Lloyd's investigation revealed that the ATV was taken during a burglary to a shed. DFC Lloyd met with the management office of the storage facility and was able to obtain surveillance video of the suspect driving into the facility with the ATV located in the rear of the suspect's pickup truck. The

surveillance video also showed the suspect unloading the ATV into the storage unit. The tag of the suspect vehicle was also observed on the surveillance video. DFC Lloyd was thus able to identify the suspect and obtained charges for him.

On November 11, 2008, DFC Lloyd responded to a pawn shop in Laurel to investigate a Yamaha dirt bike suspected of being stolen. The owner of the dirtbike had observed it and identified it through unique marks as being his. The dirtbike was pawned by the same suspect noted above. The engine number had been ground off of the dirtbike and reassembled on a donor frame. The dirtbike





was pawned by the same suspect noted in the previous case. During the course of his investigation, DFC Lloyd was able to utilize acid in order to restore the engine number. Two search warrants were conducted and part of the stolen frame was located. The suspect was charged and the case has since been successfully adjudicated.

Dodge Stratus Theft

Case # 08-102132, 08-100051

During 2008, numerous Dodge vehicles were stolen from the Whiskey Bottom area of Laurel, Maryland. The cases were assigned to DFC Lloyd of the Howard County Auto Theft Unit for investigation. DFC Lloyd began tracking the cases and developed a list of probable suspects. On October 9, 2008, a stolen 2003 Dodge Stratus was located at the dead end of Howard Avenue in Laurel. It appeared that the vehicle was left in such a manner that would indicate that it was still being utilized. Members of the Auto Theft Unit responded to the scene and installed a GPS tracking system on the stolen vehicle. A visual surveillance of the vehicle was initiated. After approximately six hours, the GPS tracking system alerted indicating that the vehicle was moving. Members of the Auto Theft Unit began following the vehicle while patrol units and K-9 officers were detailed to assist. A pursuit ensued upon attempting to stop the vehicle. The pursuit ended in a bailout and the lone adult suspect was ultimately located hiding under a deck. The suspect was arrested and charged. DFC Lloyd was able to utilize the suspect's fingerprints to link him to several other vehicle thefts in the area as well. During the interview, the suspect confessed to DFC Lloyd that he stole the vehicle. He further asserted that he had been involved in the theft of numerous other vehicle thefts in the Laurel area and several other cases were cleared.

Federline & Sons

Case # 08-104646, 08-81645, 08-86422

On October 11, 2008, Cpl. Mullinix of the Howard County Auto Theft Unit was notified of a motor vehicle theft involving an International box truck equipped with GPS. The truck belonged to Federline & Sons and was loaded with \$100,000.00 worth of computer equipment. The

truck was quickly located in the 1300 block of Dorsey Road in Anne Arundel County and the driver was arrested. Cpl. Mullinix's investigation revealed that Federline & Sons had two other cargo trucks that were stolen in August 2008. One of the previous thefts included over \$500,000.00 in copper wire. Cpl. Mullinix obtained and executed a search and seizure warrant, during which evidence was located and seized that linked the homeowner and primary suspect to the two previous cargo trucks that were stolen from Federline & Sons. Also during the service of the search and seizure warrant, a 1999 Pace Trailer with a removed VIN plate was located and seized from the location. Cpl. Mullinix was able to identify the 1999 Pace Trailer via confidential VIN. Computer checks indicated that the trailer was stolen in 2000 from Anne Arundel County. Cpl. Mullinix obtained charges for the two suspects in the case. He further notified Anne Arundel County Police Department of the recovered stolen Pace trailer.

Case #08-65405

On Monday, June 30, 2008, DFC LeRoux of the Howard County Police Auto Theft Unit, responded to an address in the 900 block of Day Road, Sykesville, Howard County, Maryland. Upon his arrival, he spoke to the residence owner who advised that his home had been burglarized during the night and that a 2001 Ford F-350 and 2008 Ford Expedition were stolen from the driveway. Left at the location was a 1998 Dodge Caravan, stolen on June 29, 2008, in Baltimore City.

While DFC LeRoux was at the Day Road address, he received information that a 2006 Chrysler 300 was being reported stolen from an address on Indian Hill Drive, Sykesville, Maryland. This location is within a mile from the Day Road incident. Left at the location was a 2001 Plymouth Neon stolen from Baltimore City on June 28, 2008.

On the following day, July 1, 2008, DFC LeRoux responded to the 2500 block of Wellworth Way, also within the same vicinity of Day Road and Indian Hill Drive noted above. A 2002 Toyota 4-Runner was stolen from a residence in that location. From several homes away, on the same street, a 2007 Toyota FJ Cruiser was reported stolen. DFC LeRoux was notified on July 2, 2008,



that both vehicles were recovered in Baltimore City.

On July 3, 2008, DFC LeRoux and DFC Lloyd responded to Wynfield Road, also within the direct vicinity of the locations noted above. A 1999 Cadillac STS was stolen from a residence on Wynfield Road. Recovered from the same address was a 1998 Plymouth Voyager stolen from Baltimore City.

Three hours after taking the report of the stolen Cadillac STS on Wynfield Road, DFC LeRoux was notified by a detective with the Baltimore Regional Auto Theft Task Force that the vehicle was

recovered after witnessing a drug transaction. Two persons were observed exiting the vehicle and were arrested in a nearby home on Vine Street, Baltimore City. While effecting the arrest, the tag from the previously noted Ford F-350 stolen from Day Road on June 30, 2008, was observed in the home.

DFC LeRoux completed and executed a search and seizure warrant at the Vine Street residence. Evidence was collected that linked all of the cases noted above. One adult and four juvenile suspects were arrested and charged with the theft of nine vehicles.

Currently, there are over 35,000 Maryland motorists registered in the “Watch Your Car” program with 78 law enforcement agencies participating statewide.





Montgomery County Police Department

Silver Spring - Jump in Thefts

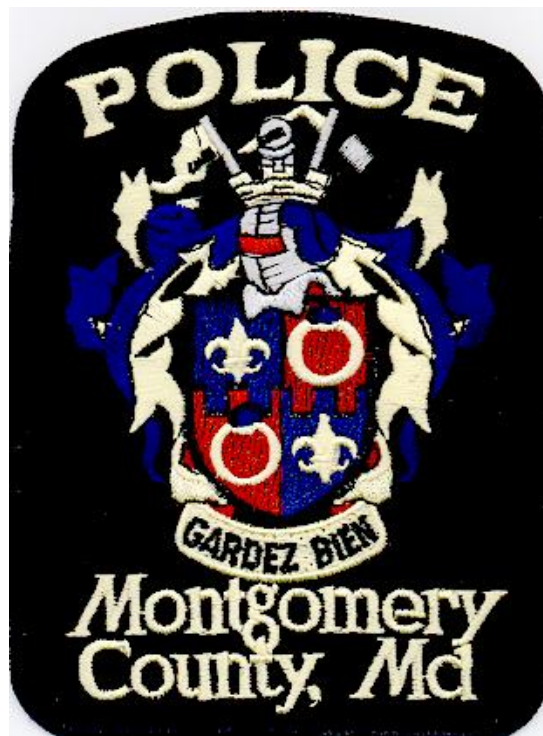
In January and February 2008, Montgomery County experienced a series of jump in thefts along the Georgia Ave and New Hampshire Ave corridors. The victim's would start their cars in the early morning hours to warm up before leaving their residences. Over a 2 month period, at least 48 car thefts were taken by the same method in those areas. Several of the cars were recovered in the area of Stanton Road SE, DC. Shortly after one of the thefts, the vehicle was spotted by Metropolitan Police in NE Washington DC just over the line from Montgomery County. The occupants bailed out and made good their escape. MPD notified the victim of the recovery, who, in turn, notified Centralized Auto Theft Section (CATS).

CATS responded to DC and the Evidence Technician processed the vehicle, to include a large amount of stolen property left in the vehicle and the trunk. One of the latent prints found on the stolen car stereo was identified as belonging to Sherwood Russell. Russell had ties and associates in the Stanton Road area. CATS detectives worked closely with MPD and identified a group of 3 subjects likely responsible for the thefts. CATS detectives reviewed property left in some of the other vehicles recovered in DC and were able to link the property to other Montgomery County thefts.

Ultimately, with the assistance of MPD, CATS coordinated a search warrant at the home of Demonn Thomas on Stanton Road SE. Numerous evidence was located to include several sets of keys, later identified as being from Montgomery County thefts. Thomas was not located.

After a coordinated investigation, Russell was found to be involved in two carjackings in Prince

George's County and Thomas was charged with Murder in Washington DC. Although neither faced charges in Montgomery County, the efforts of CATS detectives brought to light their activities which lead to them being identified in more serious crimes in neighboring jurisdictions.



Motorcycle Thefts

Throughout the summer of 2008, Montgomery County experienced frequent sport bike thefts around the county. It was believed that the culprits were loading the bikes into vans or trucks. Very few of the bikes were ever recovered. In June, a citizen reported seeing a large white van in the vicinity of one of the thefts which occurred at 0530 hours. The van was rented from a local car rental agency.

Working with the car rental representatives, it was learned that Karl Green rented the van and that he regularly rented cargo vans or pick up trucks for one and two days at a time, despite owning a car of his own. Centralized Auto Theft Section

(CATS) detectives were able to link the dates of vehicle rentals to many of the thefts and quickly identified some of Green's associates.

Occasionally, a motorcycle equipped with LoJack was recovered and even less frequently, a subject was arrested on a stolen bike. On one occasion, a LoJack signal was tracked to a remote area of Poolesville in a shed on private property. Inside were four stolen motorcycles. By interviewing defendants and tracking the main subject's activities, probable cause was developed for two search warrants and four arrest warrants. All were served on the same day with the assistance of several other covert units within the department. During the warrant service, two additional stolen bikes were recovered as well as evidence linking



the four subjects to additional thefts.

Briggs Chaney Area Dodge Thefts

Between January 2007 and July 2008, over 160 Dodge/Chrysler/Jeep products were stolen from a high crime, one square mile area of Montgomery County. The vehicles were often recovered in Laurel, other parts of Prince George's County, or nearby the location of theft. Centralized Auto Theft Section (CATS) detectives carefully scrutinized the theft and recovery trends as well as the occasional arrest both in and outside Montgomery County and came up with a list of 8 possible suspects.

This list was distributed to station detectives, gang detectives, plain clothes officers and patrol shifts along with a description of the most frequently stolen vehicles. The officers and detectives were directed to contact CATS whenever the 8 suspects were arrested for any offense and that CATS would attempt to follow up on that offense with interviews and search warrants in an attempt to stem the auto thefts.



Patrol roll calls were visited and an information sharing meeting was held for all the investigative units reference these subjects.

In short order, many of the 8 suspects were arrested for robbery, burglary, assault, theft, and auto theft. CATS facilitated enhanced sentences for those crimes by exposing all of their activities and working closely with the State's Attorney's Office. All units worked closely together and, frequently, an arrest for one offense was tied to another offense. For Example, two subjects arrested in a Jeep for auto theft led to burglary charges because the Jeep was seen the day before fleeing a residential burglary and witnesses identified the subjects following their arrest for auto theft.

This coordination, led by CATS resulted in the incarceration of all 8 suspects, both juveniles and adults and the Dodge/Chrysler/Jeep thefts in that area all but stopped.

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Maryland State Police Auto Theft Team

Trooper First Class John Pietanza

Investigation Type: Stolen 1999 Honda Civic-

On July 2, 2008, TFC Pietanza interviewed Jason Marsh who was the victim of buying a stolen 1999 Honda Civic. The Honda was reported stolen on May 7, 2008 and reported through the Montgomery County Police Department. Marsh advised that he bought the Honda on June 4, 2008 from a tow company called Tow Time that was located across the street from his work in Cheverly, Maryland. Marsh further said that he saw the Honda parked on their lot for about two weeks. He owned a 1994 Acura that he needed parts for so he walked across the street and asked one of the workers there if they were selling the Honda. The worker said yes and they started talking about price. They agreed on \$500.00 and Marsh bought the Honda for \$500.00 cash. He did not know the guys name.

On July 9, 2008, TFC Pietanza conducted surveillance at the tow lot. While conducting surveillance, an older Ford pick-up truck as observed inside the building of the tow company. A short time later, a different tow company named ETR responded and towed the Ford away from the target location. TFC Pietanza followed the tow truck and the Ford to Joseph Smith & Sons, Inc. scrape yard located in Capital Heights, Maryland. Once the Ford was dropped off, the vehicle identification number (VIN) on the Ford was obtained. It was learned that the Ford had been stolen earlier the same day. The Ford was recovered.

On July 11, 2008, surveillance was conducted at the target location. While conducting surveillance, a Tow Time tow truck entered the parking lot towing an older model black Buick. The Buick did not display registration plates. After the surveillance, an offline National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database search for a stolen black Buick Roadmaster revealed a 1994 Buick

Roadmaster was stolen on July 11, 2008 reported through the Metropolitan Police Department. TFC Pietanza contacted the victim and showed her the surveillance photographs. She identified the Buick as her vehicle.

On July 16, 2008, a Prince George's County Police officer witnessed the Tow Time tow truck tow a 1994 Honda Accord from the Beltway located at Route 95 at Route 50, Landover, Maryland. He followed the tow driver to the target location. Surveillance was initiated and the same tow driver that towed the Buick had towed the Honda. TFC Pietanza continued to run the registration plate through the NCIC database several days after the suspect was seen towing it from the Beltway. The Honda was reported stolen to the Maryland State Police Forestville Barrack on July 26, 2008. There was a delay in reporting the vehicle stolen because the owner could not find the title. Through several interviews, TFC Pietanza identified the suspect that towed both stolen vehicles as Kedrick Anderson. An interview with Anderson revealed him lying concerning the tow of both vehicles.

Continued investigation revealed that both the Honda and Buick were towed to Davis Industries, Incorporated (scrap yard) located in Virginia. TFC Pietanza responded to the scrap yard and learned that both vehicles had been scrapped the same day Anderson was seen towing them. Anderson had documented one character incorrectly of the VIN to conceal the true number on the forms submitted.

On July 24, 2009, TFC Pietanza wrote and executed a search warrant at the target location. A stolen 1998 Nissan Maxima was located and recovered at the location. Through interviews conducted, it was revealed that Marquez Ford was the driver of the tow truck the day the stolen Ford F-150 was towed to Smith & Sons. TFC Pietanza also seized four Georgia titles from a car searched





at the location. He identified the suspect at the location who owned the vehicle that was searched. TFC Pietanza contacted the Georgia Department of Motor Vehicles concerning the titles seized and it was learned that the suspect provided them with counterfeit Maryland titles for titling purposes in their state. Three other vehicles were also identified through the Georgia Department of Motor Vehicles as also being registered by the suspect. All seven vehicles have been registered in the Metropolitan area. All the information related to the Georgia case was provided to the Georgia Department of Motor Vehicles for follow-up.

TFC Pietanza responded to the Prince George's County Commissioners Office and obtained a warrant for Anderson and Marquez Ford for the theft of the vehicles. Ford was arrested but Anderson has fled the area and the outstanding warrant is still active. Since the arrest of Ford and the issued warrant for Anderson, thefts from the Beltway have reduced drastically.

Investigation Type: Counterfeit Titles, Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration

On January 21, 2009, TFC Pietanza received a phone call from the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) requesting assistance on a recently discovered counterfeit title case. They advised that six days ago, one of their clerks processed two Washington, D.C. counterfeit titles for two 2007 GMC Yukon Denalis. Further investigation revealed both vehicles were currently registered in California and never registered in D.C. An interview with the clerk (Jennifer Lisa) revealed she received the paperwork from a coworker (Sabrina Miles). Miles was a fourteen-year MVA clerk with the State of Maryland. An interview with Miles revealed she received the paperwork from a person she knew as "Peanut." She further advised she did not know Peanut's real name and did not know where he lived. Both transactions equaled \$1,300, which Peanut

provided in cash to Miles. She claimed she did not receive any payment other than \$10 for lunch. She claimed to have called Peanut on his cell phone but she was unable to retrieve the number she called from her cell phone. The clerk's cell phone number was obtained and a subpoena was issued for the call records. A review of the records revealed there was no activity on her phone until 1100 hours on the day in question, well pasted the time she claimed to have called Peanut.



On February 17, 2009, further investigation into this case led TFC Pietanza to interview the person who notarized the bill of sale for the transactions to be completed at the MVA. David Ward met TFC Pietanza at the Maryland State Police College Barrack for the interview. He advised that he worked at Maryland Tag and Title Service and notarized both transactions for a person he knew as "Eboe." He further advised that Eboe told him that a person named Jelani Green would contact him at Maryland Tag and Title to obtain duplicate titles after the

paperwork was submitted by Miles.

Further investigation in this case revealed that there were four counterfeit titles processed through Miles. Two were caught, two were processed, and Maryland titles were issued. The two that were issued ended up being used as collateral on two loans through SunTrust Bank for approximately \$100,000. Both loans are now delinquent for payment. Miles continued to claim her innocents by stating she received the paperwork from a person she knew as "Peanut." She could not provide any further information for Peanut. TFC Pietanza provided Miles with several photo arrays of suspects in the case. Miles would not identify Peanut. She was suspended from her duties at the MVA pending a hearing for termination.

On April 30, 2009, TFC Pietanza responded to the Anne Arundel County Commissioner's Office and obtained charges for Miles in this case. She was



criminally charged with four felony and eight misdemeanor charges for Issuing False Documents (felony), Public Record False Entry (misdemeanor) and Possession of Forged Vehicle Title (misdemeanor). Miles was arrested.

None of the vehicles have been recovered as stolen but it is believed that they don't exist and are fictitious vehicles. TFC Pietanza presented this case to the Secret Service and they agreed to take the case and screen it through the Greenbelt Federal District Court. To date, TFC Pietanza has identified eight suspects connected to this case. Charges through the Federal Court system are forthcoming.

Investigation Type: Search Warrant Lojack Hit 1996 Acura Integra:

On February 19, 2009, TFC Pietanza was requested to assist the Maryland State Police College Park Barrack at 9719 53rd Avenue, College Park, Maryland. A trooper at the College Park Barrack acquired a LoJack theft signal in the area of Edgewood Road and Rhode Island Avenue. The LoJack theft signal was registered to a 1996 Acura Integra passenger vehicle that was reported stolen on February 18, 2009 in Anne Arundel. The trooper tracked the signal to 9719 53rd, Avenue, College Park, Prince George's County, Maryland. The stolen Acura could be seen from the street backed in the backyard. TFC Pietanza responded and wrote the search warrant for the Acura. Entry into the residence revealed six suspects. All were documented and interviewed. One of the subjects at the located provided the name of "Chalo" as the person who dropped off the Acura. The Acura was recovered and the engine had already been removed but was recovered at the scene.

Further investigation in this case revealed that "Chalo" was Gonzalo Alexander Pino-Franco. Pino-Franco is a known car thief from Baltimore, Anne Arundel, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's County and Virginia. TFC Pietanza, with the

assistance of the Montgomery County Police Auto Theft Unit, put together a photo array of Pino-Franco to show to the witnesses at the search warrant location.

On February 25, 2009, TFC Pietanza met with the main witness at the College Park Barrack to show him the photo array. He pointed out Pino-Franco as Chalo and the person who dropped off the stolen Acura. Charges in the Federal Court system are now pending against Pino-Franco with all jurisdictions involved with vehicle theft.



On February 25, 2009, TFC Pietanza met with the main witness at the College Park Barrack to show him the photo array. He pointed out Pino-Franco as Chalo and the person who dropped off the stolen Acura. Charges in the Federal Court system are now pending against Pino-Franco with all jurisdictions involved with vehicle theft.

On March 10, 2009, TFC Pietanza learned that Pino-Franco had been recently arrested in Loudon County, Virginia for possessing burglary tools related to an auto theft and giving the police officer a fake name. Pino-Franco was going to be released on bail by the end of the day. Since the Federal case would not be affected by charges in Maryland for Pino-Franco, TFC Pietanza called the Loudon County Detention Center and advised them that Pino-Franco was a suspect in this case. The detention center held Pino-Franco's until TFC Pietanza wrote and had an arrest warrant issued in Prince George's County. The warrant was faxed to them thus keeping Pino-Franco detained pending extradition. When Pino-Franco was extradited to Prince George's County, TFC Pietanza obtained an arrest warrant for him in Anne Arundel County, which was the original location of the auto theft. The multidirectional Federal case with Montgomery, Prince George's and Anne Arundel County as well as Virginia is being organized and those indictments are forthcoming.



**Trooper First Class Chris Thomas
Investigation Type: Fraudulent Lien Releases
Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration**

In August of 2008, the Maryland State Police Auto Theft Unit assisted the New Jersey State Police Auto Theft Unit in a month long surveillance of 2335 West Franklin Street, Baltimore, Maryland. An informant advised the New Jersey State Police that a car theft ring was loading stolen vehicle into shipping containers at this location, and transporting them to the New Jersey Ports to be shipped to Ghana, Africa. The investigation resulted in the recovery of five stolen vehicles valued at approximately \$131,925. During the surveillance, a BMW X5 was observed being driven by a black male believed to be a main suspect in the case. A check of the registration (Maryland - 5DPP24) revealed an owner by the name of Keith Denard Johnson; however, the MVA photo of Johnson did not match the surveillance photograph of the suspect driving the BMW

In November of 2008, TFC Pietanza advised TFC Thomas that he was contacted by a representative from the NASA Federal Credit Union regarding a defaulted lien to Keith Denard Johnson for a 2006 Land Rover Sport. TFC Pietanza was advised that Johnson had provided a fraudulent lien release to the MVA to obtain a clear title for a Land Rover. Johnson then sold the Land Rover at auction, and it was en rout in a shipping container to Africa.

TFC Pietanza made contact with United States Customs and re routed the Land Rover back to United States.

TFC Thomas checked the MVA database for title transactions under the name of Keith Denard Johnson. The check revealed that Johnson completed twenty title transactions from May of 2006 through October of 2008 for seven high-end vehicles valued at approximately \$164,820.

Johnson obtained financing for these vehicles from various loan companies. Johnson then submitted fraudulent lien releases to the MVA a month or two after purchasing these vehicles indicating that he had paid off the loans. During these transactions, the MVA issued Johnson clear duplicate titles with no indication of the lien. Johnson then resold these vehicles either at auction or overseas to unsuspecting purchasers. Investigation revealed that the fraudulent title transactions were completed by three employees. These employees denied any knowledge or involvement in the theft scheme. Two of these employees resigned and one was fired as a result of this

investigation.

Based on the investigation TFC Thomas requested that the Office of the State Prosecutor obtain indictments for Keith Johnson and the MVA clerks regarding title fraud and motor vehicle theft. Charges are pending.



Vehicle Theft By The Numbers

1,100,000 The number of cars stolen in the United States each year.

25,340 The number of cars stolen in the State of Maryland each year.

95% The percentage of stolen vehicles that had no anti-theft devices.

66% The percentage of vehicle thefts that occur at night.

60% The percentage of stolen vehicles that were unlocked.

30% The percentage of stolen vehicles that are not recovered.

25% The percentage of stolen vehicles that had the keys inside the vehicle.

28 The number of seconds between each auto theft in the United States.

21 The number of minutes between each auto theft in the State of Maryland.

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MARYLAND VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION COUNCIL



From the viewpoint of automobile thieves, Mini-Vans like the one pictured to the left continue to be among the most popular types of vehicles.



These photos show that an auto thief needs no elaborate tools to quickly gain entry to, and commandeer, a vehicle for his/her own gain.

THE YEAR IN PICTURES

Many time the efforts to arrest auto thieves are resisted with a combination of excess speed and evasive maneuvers that can result in damage to automobiles, property and members of the law enforcement community. Vehicle theft prevention is the only way to reduce these dangerous situations.



Auto thieves will try all the angles to avoid arrest.

Despite the extraordinary efforts of local law enforcement, some of our car thieves still don't realize that some days it just doesn't pay to get out of bed.



APPENDIX A

VEHICLE THEFT

Jurisdictions Receiving Council Assistance
*1994 vs. 1999, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 & 2008



	1994	1999	+ %	2004	+ %	2005	+ %	2006	+ %	2007	+ %	2008	+ %
Baltimore County	6,289	2,953	-53%	2,936	-53%	3,046	-52%	3,454	-45%	3,363	-47%	2,940	-53%
Baltimore City	13,603	7,255	-47%	6,731	-51%	6,232	-55%	6,276	-54%	5,821	-57%	5,518	-59%
Anne Arundel County	1,806	1,418	-22%	1,631	-10%	1,524	-16%	1,654	-8%	1,667	-8%	1,581	-12%
Charles County	435	272	-37%	524	20%	627	45%	435	0%	438	0.69%	387	-11%
Harford County	403	359	-11%	413	-0.50%	359	-11%	437	8%	467	16%	403	0%
Howard County	1,157	704	-39%	598	-48%	544	-53%	655	-53%	551	-54%	534	-54%
Montgomery County	3,370	2,667	-21%	2,730	-19%	2,671	-21%	2,640	-21%	2,630	-22%	2,384	-29%
Prince George's County	9,477	8,619	-10%	18,482	95%	17,242	82%	12,941	37%	11,643	23%	9,841	47%
TOTAL	36,540	24,247	-34%	34,405	-6%	32,245	-7%	28,492	-22%	26,582	-27%	23,588	-36%
Total Thefts State-Wide	96%	93%		95%		94%		94%		94%		93%	
STATE-WIDE	38,194	26,067	-32%	35,858	-6%	34,070	-5%	30,504	-20%	28,375	-26%	25,340	-34%

Vehicle Theft Rates
(Stolen Vehicles Per 100,000
Registered Vehicles - State-Wide)

*1994	1,061	
1999	635	-40%
2000	678	-36%
2003	846	-20%
2004	796	-25%
2005	757	-29%
2006	651	-39%
2007	597	-44%
2008	533	-50%

Vehicle Theft Rates
(Stolen Vehicles Per 100,000
Pop.- State-Wide)

*1994	763	
1999	492	-36%
2000	539	-29%
2003	661	-13%
2004	652	-15%
2005	679	-19%
2006	543	-29%
2007	505	-34%
2008	450	-41%

* 1994 vs. succeeding years

Source: MD UCR 1994 – 2008

APPENDIX B

VEHICLE THEFT

Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force Operations
Baltimore Regional Auto Theft Team (R.A.T.T.)



Vehicle Theft Statistics

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Baltimore County	5,406	4,751	4,185	3,367	2,953	3,418	3,297	3,491	3,341	2,936	3,024	3,429	3,332	2,878
Baltimore City	11,210	11,186	8,856	7,375	7,255	7,871	8,199	6,574	6,874	6,731	6,232	6,262	5,686	5,508
TOTAL	16,616	15,937	13,041	10,742	10,208	11,289	11,496	10,065	10,215	9,667	9,256	9,691	9,018	8,386

Regional Auto Theft Team Accomplishments

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Totals
Adults Arrested	376	423	554	698	879	1,053	913	933	845	923	872	851	768	772	10,860
Juveniles Arrested	311	272	281	123	84	156	188	171	189	135	154	134	124	138	2,460
Total Arrests	687	695	835	821	963	1,209	1,101	1,104	1,034	1,058	1,026	985	892	910	13,320
Recovered Vehicles	340	474	574	566	707	905	816	864	753	828	960	1,251	1,209	1,187	11,434
UCR*	2.55	3.55	4.30	4.24	5.30	6.78	6.56	6.95	6.05	6.68	7.72	10.06	9.72	9.54	90.00

*\$ in Millions based on \$8,040.00 average value)

Other Statistical Accomplishments:

885 business inspections conducted
 374 people charged with possession or distribution of CDS
 238 arrests for carjacking
 121 arrests for handgun possession
 121 arrests for burglary
 117 people charged with insurance fraud
 86 arrests for robbery
 55 people arrested for attempted murder
 13 people arrested for murder
 8 people arrested for kidnapping
 8 people arrested for rape
 2 people arrested for counterfeiting

Repeat Offender Unit (Since July 2004 inception):

110 repeat offenders identified
 43 juvenile waivers pursued
 25 juveniles waived



13,275 Total People Arrested

	<u>Since Inception</u>	<u>2008</u>
Arrested in Baltimore City	90%	90%
Arrested in Baltimore County	10%	10%
Total Adults arrests	82%	85%
Total Juvenile Arrests:	18%	15%

11,399 Total Stolen Vehicles Recovered

	<u>Since Inception</u>	<u>2008</u>
Stolen from: Baltimore City	57%	65%
Stolen from: Baltimore County	22%	18%
Stolen from: Anne Arundel County	6%	5%
Stolen from: All Others	15%	12%

Where do our Arrested Thieves Live?

	<u>Since Inception</u>	<u>2008</u>
Baltimore City:	77%	71%
Baltimore County:	13%	20%
All others:	10%	9%

Where do we Recover Stolen Vehicles?

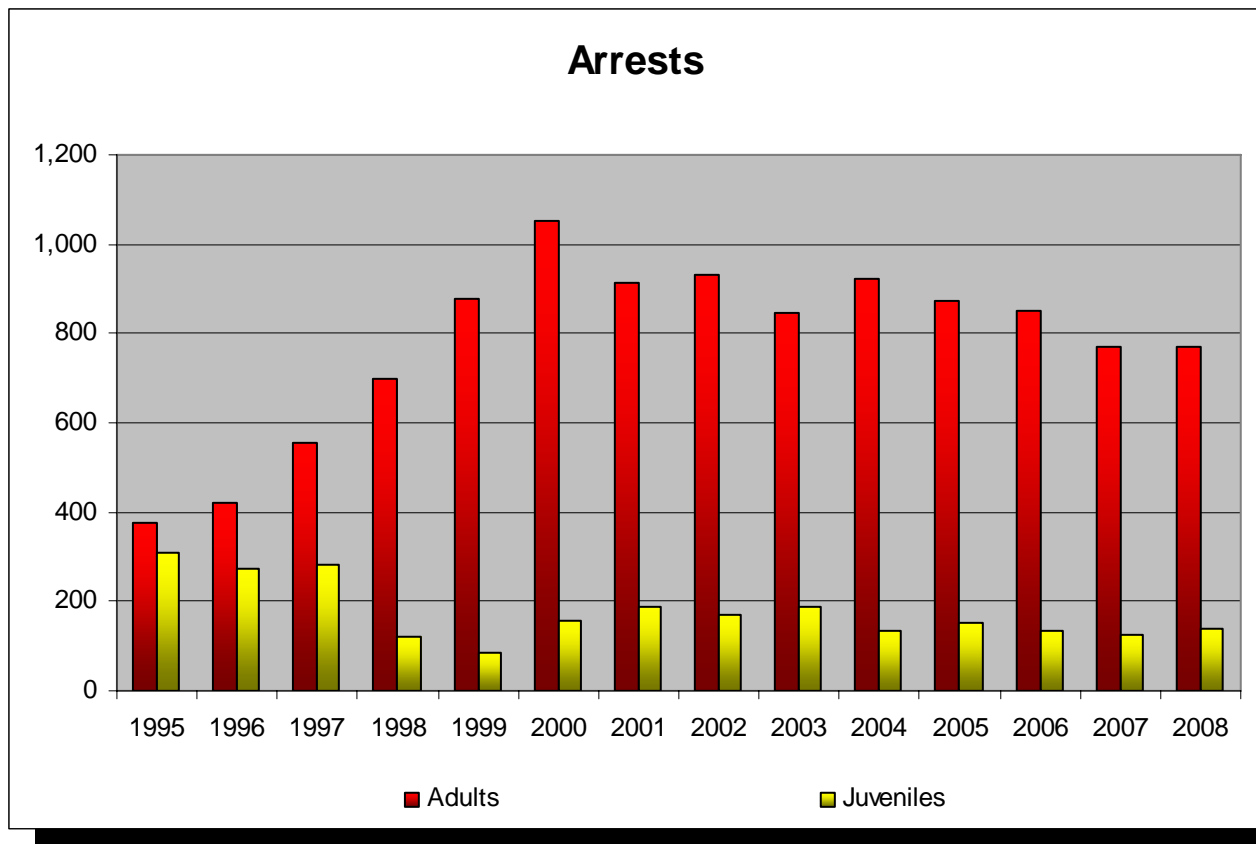
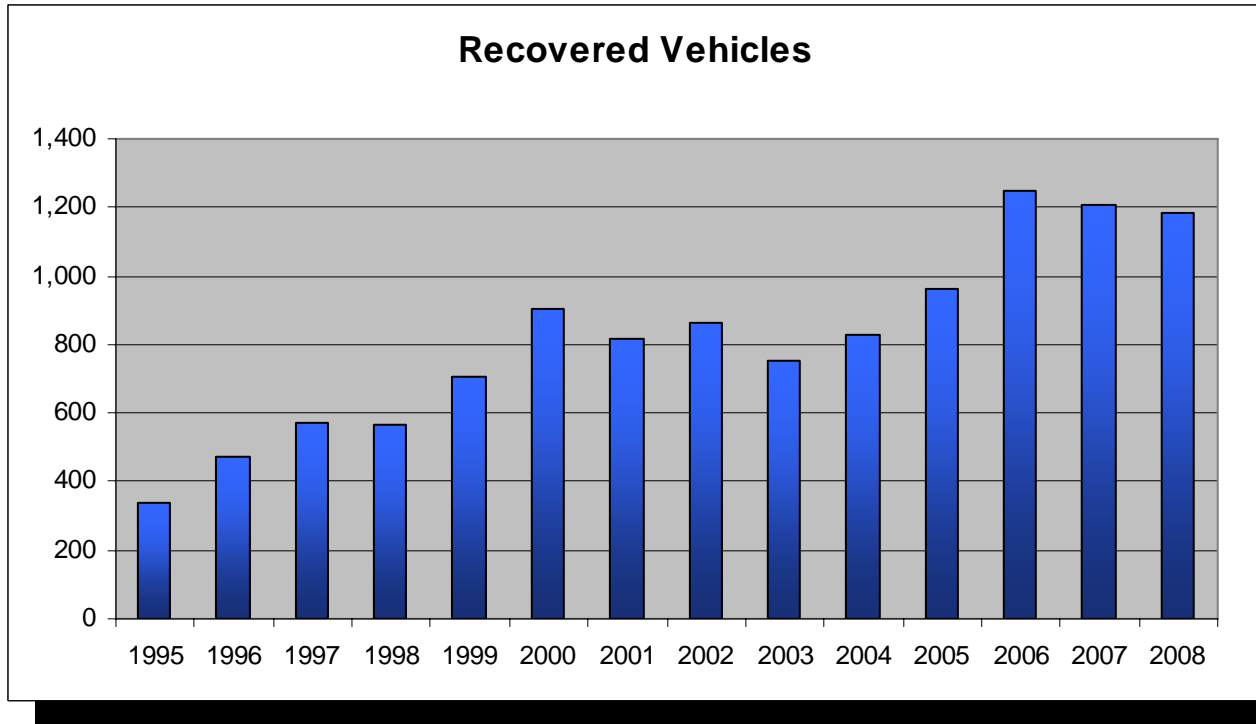
	<u>Since Inception</u>	<u>2008</u>
Baltimore City:	87%	95%
Baltimore County:	9%	5%
All others:	4%	0%

Inception: 01/02/1995 to 12/15/2008

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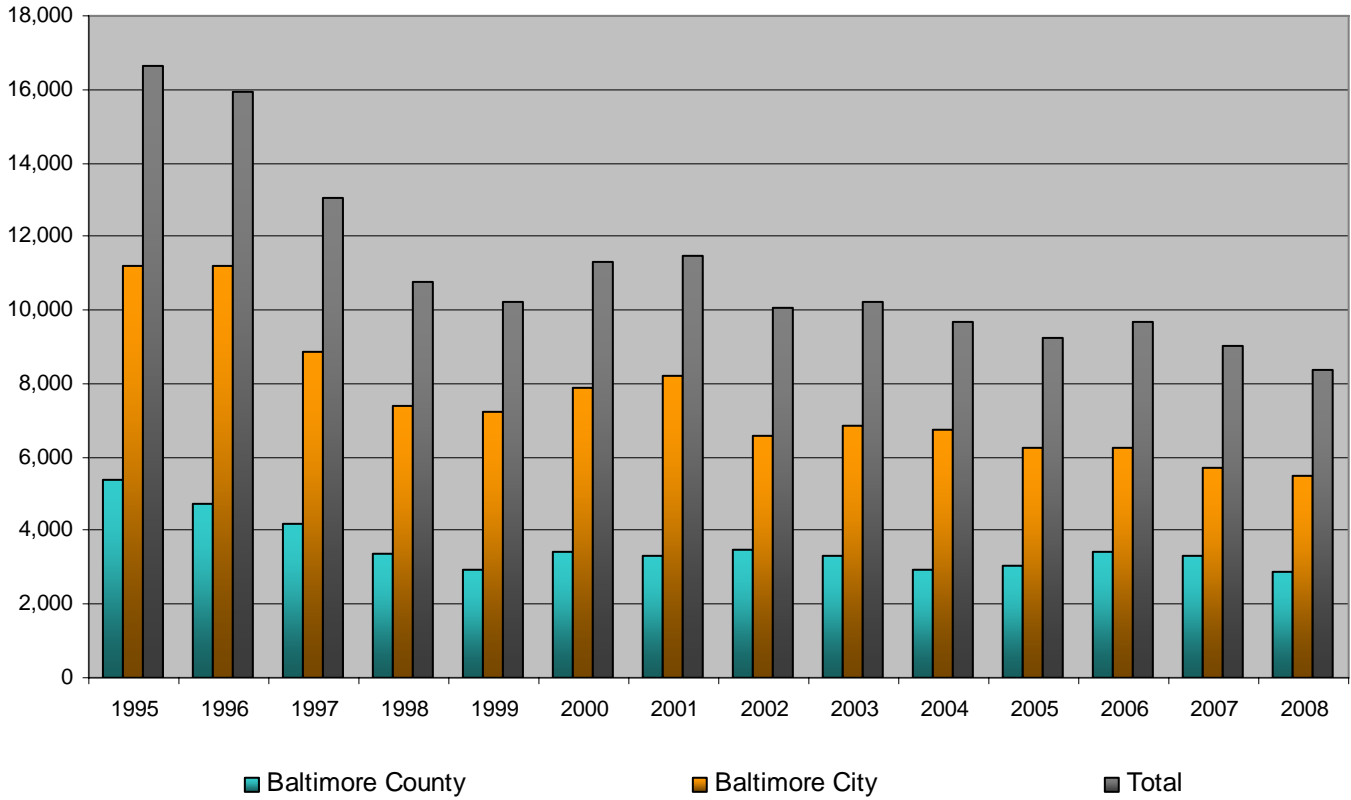
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Vehicle Theft Statistics



Baltimore Regional Auto Theft Team (R.A.T.T.)



APPENDIX C

VEHICLE THEFT

Washington Area Vehicle Enforcement (WAVE) Auto Theft Task Force



Unit Accomplishments Since Creation in April 2000

<u>General Statistics:</u>	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total
Subjects Arrested:	156	371	521	650	546	662	612	383	425	4,376
Stolen Vehicles Recovered:	164	349	404	560	523	579	1,278	872	1,048	5,777
Stolen Tags Recovered:	49	42	46	55	92	153	187	95	86	805
Firearms Seized:	9	18	18	34	20	31	10	11	24	175
Amount of Heroin Seized (g):	20.0	31.0	38.0	34.0	23.0	44.6	2.5	0	0	193.1
Amount of Cocaine Seized (g):	104.3	204.2	187.7	209.0	161.9	236.6	33.9	30.4	39.7	1,207.7
Amount of Marijuana Seized (g):	37.6	262.8	207.7	1,872.7	410.9	361.4	17.3	127.4	54.8	3,352.2
Felony Warrants Served:	9	24	36	58	39	81	41	21	62	371
Misdemeanor Warrants Served:	22	34	59	22	27	26	29	26	40	285
Carjacked Vehicles Recovered w/Arrest:	4	20	14	48	25	39	58	43	30	281
Vin Inspections									398	398
Business Inspections									23	23
Search Warrants									5	5
Total Value of Vehicles Recovered (\$):	2,048,275	4,623,453	4,980,981	6,569,356	6,308,979	6,988,897	13,317,738	9,314,738	10,013,934	63,715,462





Law Enforcement

Annapolis Police Department Auto Larceny Education Reduces Thefts

A highly motivated public education and awareness program directed at preventing and deterring vehicle theft and theft from vehicles and purchase of Tag Reader.

FY 2009 Award: \$30,000

Anne Arundel County Police Department Vehicle Theft Investigation, Prevention, Education, and Recovery (VIPER)

A comprehensive vehicle theft investigation, prevention, education, and recovery project to effectively reduce the serious vehicle theft activity in the county.

FY 2009 Award: \$65,000

Baltimore County Police Department Auto Theft Reduction Through Crime Analysis

Identifies geographic areas with the highest rate of frequency of vehicle thefts to establish specific vehicle theft prevention programs and to evaluate the use of vehicle theft prevention devices.

**Baltimore County Police Dept.
Cracking Down on Auto Theft**
Provides vehicle theft prevention and educational training, identifies repeat offenders, enhances prosecution, and establishes a multi-jurisdictional vehicle theft investigative task force with the Baltimore City Police Department.
FY 2009 Award: \$452,000
Award includes both Auto Theft Reduction through Crime Analysis and Cracking Down on Auto Theft programs.

Charles County Sheriff's Office Vehicle Theft Project

Provides for a dedicated vehicle theft investigator, vehicle theft investigative training, and aggressive community prevention and education program.

FY 2009 Award: \$70,000

Department of Maryland State Police Theft Reduction, Enforcement & Support

Provision of vehicle theft investigation and technical assistance to local law enforcement agencies, statewide vehicle theft enforcement program.

FY 2009 Award: \$172,000

Harford County Sheriff's Office Auto Theft Initiative

Purchase of a License Plate Reader to be deployed in Harford County.

FY 2009 Award: \$50,000

Howard County Dept. of Police Howard County Interagency Collaboration on Vehicle Theft Reduction

The formation of an interagency team dedicated to vehicle theft reduction by maximizing prevention, investigation, and prosecution efforts.

FY 2009 Award: \$130,000

Industry Merged with Police Against Car Theft (IMPACT) Auto Theft Training

A consortium of insurance companies and law enforcement agencies that provide vehicle theft training from patrol, entry level, through advanced and certification on a statewide basis. The MD-DC Anti-Car Theft Committee (Auto Insurance Carriers) provide a 50% match.

FY 2009 Award: \$10,000

Montgomery County Police Department Vehicle Theft Enforcement and Prevention Project

Implements a task-force approach to vehicle theft by creating a centralized vehicle theft investigative unit, encouraging prevention through public education, and proving crime analysis. This grant also provides for a Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office to directly assist police efforts.

FY 2009 Award: \$205,000

Prince George's County Police Department Vehicle Theft Prevention Initiative

Comprehensive program directed at law enforcement, support and participation in the Washington Area Vehicle Enforcement Team; Analyze stolen and recovered vehicle theft data, public information campaign directed at empowering the role of citizens through the ALockit & Pocket@ Community Prevention Program and enhanced cooperation with prosecutor.

FY 2009 Award: \$305,000

APPENDIX D

GRANT RECIPIENTS

Summary of Grant Recipients for
Fiscal Year 2009



Prosecution

Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office

ACARS Conquering Auto Theft Recidivism Soon

Computer tracking and analysis of case prosecution of juvenile vehicle theft offenders and direct support to police efforts.

FY 2009 Award: \$41,000

Baltimore County State's Attorney's Office

A Comprehensive Enforcement and Prosecution Project

Intensive prosecution of repeat vehicle theft offenders and direct support to police efforts.

FY 2009 Award: \$125,000

Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office

Aggressive Auto Theft Prosecution: Applying Resources and Getting Results

Program directed at aggressive prosecution to improve conviction rates for adults and juveniles charged with vehicle theft and to get higher sentencing for convicted offenders.

FY 2009 Award: \$210,000

Juvenile

Community Conferencing Center

Building Community Conferencing as an Effective Intervention for Juvenile Theft

Unique community justice intervention that includes victims, offenders, and their respective supporters in deciding how to best resolve the incident. Project targets young people who steal cars for the first time. Community conferencing helps offenders to understand the impact of their behavior which has shown to decrease the likelihood that it will happen again.

FY 2009 Award: \$30,000

Take Charge Juvenile Diversion Program, Inc.

Proposed Pilot Vehicle Theft Reduction Program For Youth in Prince George's County Maryland

Target juvenile vehicle theft offenders in Prince George's County with intense intervention, utilizing peers, youth, parents and citizens to get involved to prevent vehicle theft.

FY 2009 Award: \$150,000

Community Prevention

Maryland Community Crime Prevention Institute

Vehicle Theft Prevention Public Awareness Support

Supports the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council's public awareness campaign through the operation of the toll free hotline (1-800-96-THEFT) and distribution of brochures and other educational materials.

FY 2009 Award: \$23,500

Northwest Citizens Patrol

Vehicle Theft Prevention Project

Promotes education and crime prevention by focusing on both offenders and vehicle owners. Tactics include educating vehicle owners through marketing and community seminars and deterring offenders through aggressive cooperation with prosecutors and delaying parole of offenders.

FY 2009 Award: \$30,000

Olde Mill Foundation Auto Theft/Prevention/ Education and Information Initiative

Vehicle theft prevention program at the grassroots community level. Coordination with community police officers and juvenile intervention prior to the offense.

FY 2009 Award: \$15,000

Public Awareness

MD/DC/DE Broadcasters' Association

Statewide Outreach Media Campaign

The creation, recording, dissemination, and broadcast of vehicle theft prevention radio messages statewide.

FY 2009 Award: \$90,000

Vehicle Theft Prevention Council Public Awareness Campaign

Promotes action to lower rates of auto theft statewide by establishing the best possible media themes and methods to increase public awareness and to educate citizens in vehicle theft prevention measures.

FY 2009 Award: \$40,000

APPENDIX E

GRANT RECIPIENTS

Grant Award Analysis by Jurisdiction for
Fiscal Years 2007, 2008 and 2009



	FISCAL YEAR 2007 \$2,060,000.00 AWARDED	FISCAL YEAR 20008 \$2,334,630.00 AWARDED	FISCAL YEAR 2009 \$2,348,192.00 AWARDED
ANNE ARUNDEL			
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$63,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$65,000.00
ANNAPOLIS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$27,000.00	\$42,000.00	\$30,000.00
TOTAL	\$90,000.00	\$117,000.00	\$95,000.00
% OF GRANT MONIES AWARDED	4.8%	5.0%	4.0%
% OF VEHICLE THEFTS	5.0%	5.0%	6.2%
% OF REGISTERED VEHICLES	11.1%	11.1%	10.1%
BALTIMORE CITY			
BALTIMORE CITY STATE'S ATTORNEY	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$41,000.00
COMMUNITY CONFERENCING CENTER	\$150,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$30,000.00
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PATROL GROUP ¹	\$20,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$30,000.00
TOTAL	\$210,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$101,000.00
% OF GRANT MONIES AWARDED	10.0%	4.9%	4.3%
% OF VEHICLE THEFTS	20.0%	20.0%	21.7%
% OF REGISTERED VEHICLES	6.2%	6.2%	6.2%
BALTIMORE COUNTY ²			
MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$440,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$452,000.00
BALTIMORE COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY	\$115,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00
TOTAL	\$555,000.00	\$575,000.00	\$577,000.00
% OF GRANT MONIES AWARDED	27.0%	24.6%	24.5%
% OF VEHICLE THEFTS	11.0%	11.0%	11.6%
% OF REGISTERED VEHICLES	14.4%	14.4%	14.4%
CHARLES COUNTY			
CHARLES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00
% OF GRANT MONIES AWARDED	3.4%	3.0%	2.9%
% OF VEHICLE THEFTS	1.4%	1.4%	1.5%
% OF REGISTERED VEHICLES	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%
HARFORD COUNTY			
ABERDEEN POLICE DEPARTMENT		\$14,000.00	
HARFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE		\$23,000.00	\$50,000.00
TOTAL		\$37,000.00	\$50,000.00
% OF GRANT MONIES AWARDED		1.5%	2.1%
% OF VEHICLE THEFTS		1.4%	1.6%
% OF REGISTERED VEHICLES		2.7%	2.7%
HOWARD COUNTY			
HOWARD COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$120,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$130,000.00
% OF GRANT MONIES AWARDED	5.8%	5.3%	5.5%
% OF VEHICLE THEFTS	1.6%	1.6%	2.1%
% OF REGISTERED VEHICLES	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%

APPENDIX E

GRANT RECIPIENTS

Grant Award Analysis by Jurisdiction for
Fiscal Years 2007, 2008 and 2009



	FISCAL YEAR 2007 \$2,060,000.00 AWARDED	FISCAL YEAR 2008 \$2,334,630.00 AWARDED	FISCAL YEAR 2009 \$2,348,192.00 AWARDED
HOWARD COUNTY			
HOWARD COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$120,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$130,000.00
% OF GRANT MONIES AWARDED	5.8%	5.3%	5.5%
% OF VEHICLE THEFTS	1.6%	1.6%	2.1%
% OF REGISTERED VEHICLES	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%
MONTGOMERY COUNTY			
MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$205,000.00	\$226,630.00	\$205,000.00
% OF GRANT MONIES AWARDED	10.0%	9.7%	8.7%
% OF VEHICLE THEFTS	8.7%	8.7%	9.4%
% OF REGISTERED VEHICLES	15.9%	15.9%	15.9%
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY			
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$355,000.00	\$310,000.00	\$305,000.00
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY S/A OFFICE	\$150,000.00	\$220,000.00	\$210,000.00
OLDE MILL FOUNDATION	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$15,000.00
TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR LIFE JUVENILE DIVERSION PROG. INC.	\$150,000.00	\$160,000.00	\$150,000.00
TOTAL	\$660,000.00	\$760,000.00	\$680,000.00
% OF GRANT MONIES AWARDED	32.0%	30.0%	29.0%
% OF VEHICLE THEFTS	42.4%	42.4%	38.4%
% OF REGISTERED VEHICLES	13.4%	13.4%	13.4%
ST. MARY'S COUNTY			
ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE		\$12,000.00	
% OF GRANT MONIES AWARDED		0.5%	
% OF VEHICLE THEFTS		1.4%	
% OF REGISTERED VEHICLES		2.7%	
MARYLAND STATE AGENCIES			
MARYLAND STATE POLICE - Auto Theft Unit	\$120,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$172,000.00
MARYLAND STATE POLICE - Field Operations Bureau		\$44,000.00	
MARYLAND STATE POLICE - S.T.A.T.E Team			
MD COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION INSTITUTE	\$20,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$23,500.00
VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION COUNCIL (PUBLIC AWARENESS COMMITTEE)		\$98,000.00	\$40,000.00
TOTAL	\$140,600.00	\$274,000.00	\$235,500.00
% OF GRANT MONIES AWARDED	7.0%	11.7%	10.0%
MISCELLANEOUS			
MD/DC/DE BROADCASTERS' ASSOCIATION		\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00
INDUSTRY MERGED WITH POLICE AGAINST CAR THEFT (IMPACT)	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
TOTAL	\$10,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$100,000.00
% OF GRANT MONIES AWARDED	4.9%	4.0%	4.2%

¹ GRANT MONIES AWARDED TO COMMUNITY VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTIONS PROGRAMS IN BALTIMORE CITY.

² INCLUDES GRANT MONIES TO SUPPORT THE BALTIMORE CITY/BALTIMORE CO. COMBINED REGIONAL AUTO THEFT TEAM (R.A.T.T.)

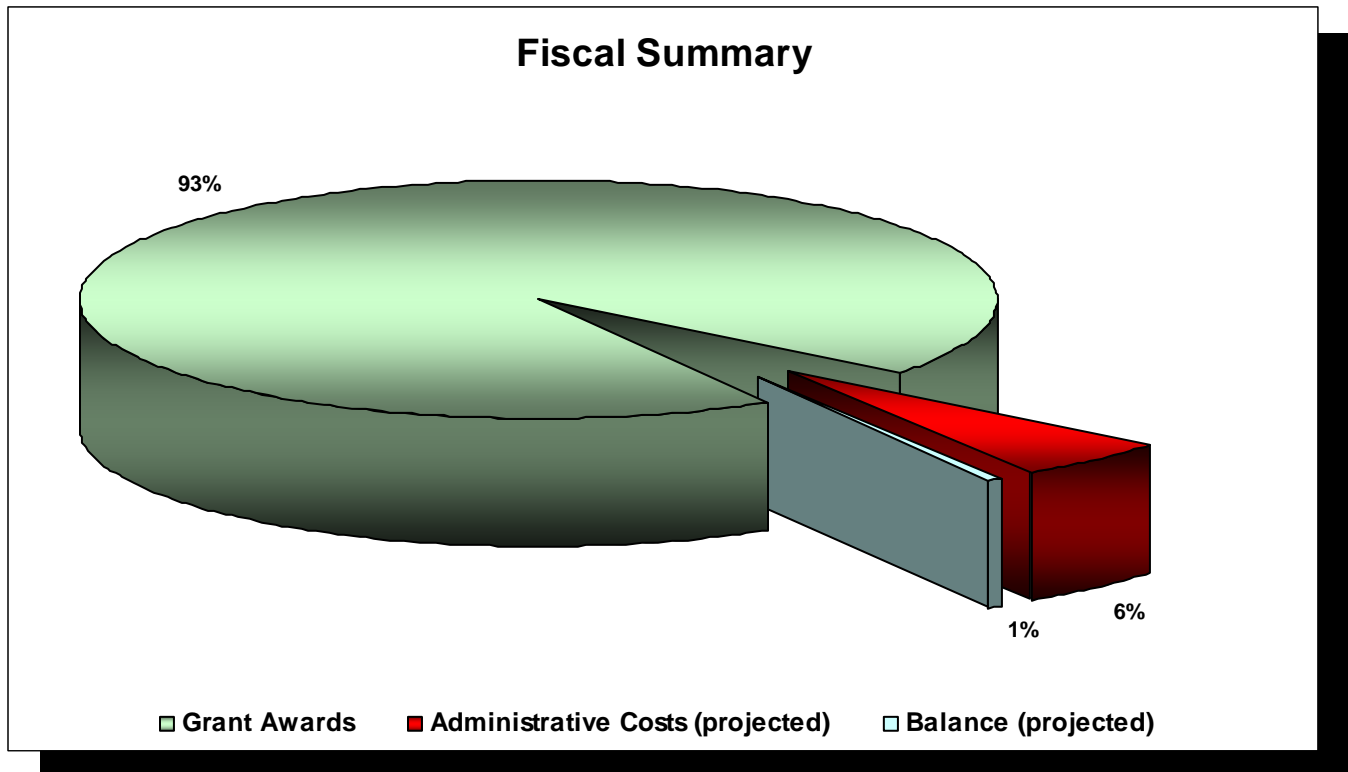
APPENDIX F

FISCAL SUMMARY

Vehicle Theft Prevention Council
Fiscal Year 2008 (July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009)



Funding Available	\$2,500,000
Grant Awards	\$2,348,192
Administrative Costs (Projected)	\$140,000
Total Disbursement (Projected)	\$2,488,192
Balance (Projected)	\$11,808



APPENDIX G

JURISDICTION DATA

Percentages by Jurisdiction
Fiscal Year 2008 (July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009)



JURISDICTION	Registered Vehicles* As of 1/1/08	% of Total Registered Vehicles	Total 2008 Vehicle Theft	Jurisdiction's % of Total Thefts in the State	% of Registered Vehicles Stolen
ALLEGANY	65,016	1.4%	49	.19%	.08%
ANNE ARUNDEL	514,044	10.9%	1,581	6.2%	.31%
BALTIMORE	669,374	14.1%	2,940	11.6%	.44%
CALVERT	89,373	1.8%	108	.43%	.12%
CAROLINE	39,125	.82%	57	.22%	.15%
CARROLL	174,264	3.6%	124	.49%	.07%
CECIL	92,143	1.9%	310	1.2%	.34%
CHARLES	133,935	2.8%	387	1.5%	.29%
DORCHESTER	32,978	.69%	61	.24%	.18%
FREDERICK	221,219	4.6%	239	.94%	.11%
GARRETT	32,590	.69%	29	.11%	.09%
HARFORD	230,771	4.8%	403	1.6%	.17%
HOWARD	243,795	5.1%	534	2.1%	.22%
KENT	22,398	.47%	25	.10%	.11%
MONTGOMERY	726,610	15.3%	2,384	9.4%	.33%
PRINCE GEORGE'S	623,488	13.1%	9,743	38.4%	1.56%
QUEEN ANNE'S	51,937	1.0%	56	.22%	.11%
ST. MARY'S	102,012	2.1%	135	.53%	.13%
SOMERSET	20,219	.43%	35	.14%	.17%
TALBOT	42,314	.9%	46	.18%	.11%
WASHINGTON	136,430	2.9%	246	.97%	.18%
WICOMICO	92,825	2.0%	217	.86%	.23%
WORCESTER	58,539	1.2%	80	.32%	.14%
BALTIMORE CITY	339,961	7.2%	5,518	21.7%	1.62%
GRAND TOTALS	4,755,360	100%	25,307	100	.53%

*MD MVA

APPENDIX H

VEHICLE THEFT

Maryland Vehicle Thefts
*1994, 1999, 2002 - 2008



COUNTY	1994	1999	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	94-99	99-00	02-03	03-04	04-05	05-06	07-08	94-08
										% Change	% Change	% Change	% Change	% Change	% Change	% Change	% Change
ALLEGANY	75	78	89	93	55	57	83	92	49	10%	57.60%	3.00%	-40.00%	0.00%	46%	-47%	-35%
ANNE ARUNDEL	1,806	1,418	1,484	1,441	1,631	1,524	1,654	1,667	1,581	-22%	-1.40%	-3.00%	13.00%	-6.50%	9%	-5%	12%
BALTIMORE CITY	13,603	7,255	6,572	6,874	6,731	6,232	6,276	5,821	5,518	-47%	8.40%	-4.00%	-2.00%	-7.40%	0.70%	-5%	-59%
BALTIMORE COUNTY	6,289	2,953	3,491	3,341	2,936	3,046	3,454	3,363	2,940	-53%	15.70%	-7.00%	-12.00%	3.50%	13%	-13%	-53%
CALVERT	48	89	82	83	74	86	102	105	108	85%	-17.90%	0.00%	-10.00%	16.00%	19%	0%	1%
CAROLINE	38	65	48	77	77	51	44	66	57	71%	-30.70%	38.00%	0.00%	-33.70%	-14%	-14%	50%
CARROLL	169	165	135	143	151	170	127	133	124	-2%	-13.90%	5.00%	5.00%	11.90%	-25%	-7%	-27%
CECIL	160	153	195	200	264	278	310	256	310	-4%	26.80%	3.00%	32.00%	5.30%	12%	21%	94%
CHARLES	435	272	464	585	524	627	435	438	387	-38%	34.20%	26.00%	-11.00%	19.60%	-31%	-12%	-11.00%
DORCHESTER	47	53	79	74	92	77	89	55	61	13%	-18.90%	-6.00%	24.00%	-16.30%	16%	9%	30%
FREDERICK	258	252	263	240	221	197	222	247	239	-2%	5.20%	-9.00%	-8.00%	-10.80%	13%	-3%	-73%
GARRETT	32	25	22	22	16	19	22	26	29	-22%	28.00%	0.00%	-18.00%	18.70%	16%	12%	-9%
HARFORD	403	359	438	330	413	359	437	467	403	-11%	-0.50%	-24.00%	25.00%	-13.00%	22%	-14%	0%
HOWARD	1,157	704	619	682	598	544	655	551	534	-39%	-20.90%	10.00%	-12.00%	-9.00%	20%	-3%	-54%
KENT	17	17	20	21	29	24	17	12	25	0	-24%	0.00%	38.00%	-17.20%	-29%	108%	47%
MONTGOMERY	3,370	2,667	3,958	3,676	2,730	2,671	2,640	2,630	2,384	-21%	8.90%	-7.00%	-25.00%	-2.10%	-2%	-9.00%	-29%
PRINCE GEORGES	9,477	8,619	16,991	17,628	18,482	17,242	12,941	11,643	9,841	-9%	15.00%	4.00%	5.00%	-6.70%	-25%	-15%	4%
QUEEN ANNE'S	39	61	36	37	20	48	46	49	56	56%	-9.80%	0.00%	-45.00%	15.00%	-4%	14%	44%
SAINT MARY'S	70	75	133	127	107	142	177	128	135	7%	-9.30%	-4.00%	-16.00%	27.10%	25%	5%	93%
SOMERSET	29	36	24	39	26	27	37	29	35	24%	-5.60%	62.00%	-33.00%	0.00%	37%	21%	21%
TALBOT	54	43	15	27	36	26	35	27	46	-17%	-16.20%	80.00%	33.00%	-27.70%	35%	24%	-15%
WASHINGTON	152	258	253	273	270	261	300	239	242	67%	19.00%	8.00%	-1.00%	-3.30%	15%	0%	59%
WICOMICO	231	218	198	144	185	205	255	191	217	-6%	11.50%	-27.00%	28.00%	9.75%	24%	14%	-6%
WORCESTER	121	120	93	93	92	101	106	80	80	0	-20.00%	0.00%	0.00%	9.00%	5%	0%	-34%
STATETWIDE	114	112	180	156	98	56	40	50	29	-1%	97.30%	-13.00%	-37.00%	-42.80%	-29%	-42%	-75%
MARYLAND	38,194	26,067	35,882	36,406	35,858	34,070	30,504	28,375	25,340	-32%	9.80%	-1.00%	-1.50%	-5.00%	-10%	-11%	-34%

Jurisdictions receiving Vehicle Theft Prevention Council assistance.

APPENDIX

VEHICLE THEFT

National Vehicle Thefts Totals
1999 - 2007



	2008	Totals	2006	Totals	2005	Totals	2004	Totals	2003	Totals	2002	Totals	2001	Totals	2000	Totals	1999	Totals
1	CA	192,527	CA	243,693	CA	257,543	CA	252,604	CA	241,326	CA	222,364	CA	204,033	CA	182,035	CA	168,480
2	TX	85,350	TX	95,429	TX	93,423	TX	94,077	TX	98,204	TX	102,680	TX	102,667	TX	93,161	FL	93,191
3	FL	63,509	FL	76,437	FL	75,303	FL	78,325	FL	81,563	FL	88,516	FL	89,917	FL	89,181	TX	92,037
4	GA	39,628	AZ	54,849	AZ	54,905	AZ	55,306	AZ	56,997	AZ	57,668	MI	53,607	IL	56,143	NY	58,261
5	AZ	37,218	MI	50,017	WA	49,287	MI	50,555	MI	53,736	MI	49,723	AZ	52,203	MI	55,724	MI	56,800
6	MI	36,241	WA	45,899	MI	48,223	GA	44,238	NY	45,217	NY	47,366	IL	48,784	NY	54,231	IL	52,114
7	IL	32,572	GA	43,163	GA	44,477	WA	43,233	GA	43,371	IL	44,857	NY	48,287	AZ	43,204	GA	40,120
8	OH	28,532	IL	37,641	OH	41,379	NY	41,002	IL	41,764	OH	42,767	OH	42,229	OH	39,026	PA	39,234
9	WA	28,331	OH	37,425	IL	39,385	OH	40,853	OH	40,996	WA	40,493	WA	39,077	GA	38,702	OH	39,192
10	NC	26,743	NY	32,134	NY	35,736	IL	40,355	WA	40,619	GA	38,036	GA	37,589	PA	36,325	AZ	38,247
11	MD	25,333	MD	30,522	MD	34,070	MD	35,858	MD	36,405	NJ	35,739	NJ	37,708	WA	35,018	NJ	35,357
12	NY	25,114	NC	30,126	PA	29,394	PA	30,969	NJ	34,568	MD	34,020	PA	35,713	NJ	34,151	WA	33,807
13	PA	22,471	PA	29,540	NC	28,466	NJ	30,306	PA	33,442	PA	32,817	MD	32,025	MD	28,573	MA	25,628
14	MO	20,765	NV	26,961	NJ	27,683	NC	26,988	MO	28,659	MO	27,878	TN	28,272	TN	27,530	NC	25,577
15	NJ	20,180	MO	25,433	NV	26,931	MO	25,893	NC	26,892	MA	26,588	MO	28,014	MA	25,876	MD	25,447
16	TN	19,224	NJ	24,724	CO	26,101	TN	24,749	TN	26,410	TN	26,541	MA	27,828	NC	25,266	TN	25,255
17	SC	17,652	TN	22,593	MO	25,699	CO	24,063	MA	25,506	NC	24,866	NC	24,647	MO	24,695	MO	22,984
18	IN	17,455	IN	21,866	TN	25,078	NV	22,635	CO	22,699	CO	23,183	LA	21,687	LA	21,270	LA	21,695
19	NV	15,903	CO	20,795	IN	21,744	MA	22,053	NV	20,838	IN	20,287	IN	21,499	IN	21,090	IN	20,290
20	LA	13,743	MA	17,961	OR	19,262	IN	21,091	IN	20,768	LA	20,186	CO	20,994	VA	17,813	VA	17,953
21	CO	13,519	SC	16,402	MA	18,880	LA	19,714	LA	19,882	VA	18,478	VA	18,842	CO	16,961	CO	14,795
22	AL	13,458	LA	15,640	SC	16,358	OR	18,535	OR	18,989	NV	17,486	MN	15,031	SC	15,207	SC	14,445
23	VA	13,259	AL	14,840	VA	15,972	VA	17,411	VA	17,914	SC	16,867	OR	14,842	WI	14,636	WI	13,819
24	MA	12,737	VA	14,814	LA	14,389	SC	15,637	SC	15,762	OR	16,524	SC	14,760	OR	13,932	OR	13,633
25	WI	11,520	OR	14,460	MN	14,281	AL	14,024	AL	14,957	AL	13,890	WI	14,722	MN	13,432	MS	13,532
26	OR	11,331	WI	14,031	OK	13,900	MN	13,518	MN	13,759	MN	13,842	NV	14,702	NV	13,172	MN	13,275
27	OK	10,881	MN	13,379	AL	13,140	OK	12,957	OK	12,958	WI	13,458	PR	12,643	CT	13,099	AL	13,134
28	MN	10,078	OK	13,358	WI	12,546	WI	11,374	WI	12,320	PR	12,935	AL	12,619	PR	12,976	NV	13,094
29	CT	8,963	CT	10,390	CT	10,418	CT	11,025	PR	12,211	OK	12,772	OK	12,569	AL	12,809	OK	12,132
30	NM	8,004	KY	9,243	KS	9,322	KY	8,772	CT	11,026	CT	11,572	CT	12,378	OK	12,348	CT	11,297
31	KY	7,667	NM	9,225	PR	9,299	HI	8,620	DC	9,903	HI	9,910	MS	9,473	KY	9,274	KY	8,631
32	KS	7,395	KS	8,703	HI	9,135	KS	8,435	HI	9,651	DC	9,599	KY	9,344	NM	7,341	NM	8,126
33	UT	7,195	MS	8,347	KY	8,796	DC	8,408	KY	9,366	MS	9,523	KS	7,985	MS	6,968	UT	7,382
34	PR	7,003	UT	8,299	UT	8,493	NM	7,902	MS	8,949	KY	8,750	DC	7,670	AR	6,932	AR	6,664
35	AR	6,511	HI	7,763	NM	7,993	MS	7,879	KS	7,777	UT	7,722	AR	7,320	DC	6,600	DC	6,652
36	DC	6,465	AR	7,463	DC	7,720	UT	7,651	UT	7,764	NM	7,437	NM	7,137	KS	6,496	KS	6,048
37	MS	6,352	DC	7,321	MS	7,492	AR	6,491	NM	7,256	KS	7,212	HI	6,743	UT	6,461	NE	5,440
38	HI	5,133	NE	5,038	AR	7,284	IA	5,404	NE	6,124	AR	6,813	UT	6,513	HI	6,114	IA	5,135
39	IA	4,332	IA	5,006	NE	5,567	NE	5,287	AR	6,010	NE	6,409	NE	6,490	IA	5,374	HI	4,660
40	NE	4,188	WV	3,921	IA	5,475	RI	4,078	IA	5,601	IA	5,823	IA	5,505	NE	5,230	RI	4,032
41	WV	3,204	RI	3,582	RI	4,398	WV	3,739	RI	4,387	RI	4,876	RI	5,043	RI	4,665	WV	3,762
42	RI	3,200	DE	2,816	WV	3,816	ID	2,724	WV	3,524	WV	3,898	WV	3,216	WV	3,315	DE	3,043
43	DE	2,541	AK	2,529	ID	2,884	AK	2,240	DE	2,880	DE	3,057	DE	2,779	DE	3,151	AK	2,658
44	ID	1,668	ID	2,429	AK	2,595	DE	2,147	ID	2,609	ID	2,627	AK	2,618	AK	2,350	ID	1,898
45	AK	1,638	MT	1,748	DE	2,349	NH	1,942	AK	2,448	AK	2,471	ID	2,389	NH	2,148	MT	1,896
46	MT	1,573	NH	1,422	MT	1,971	MT	1,618	NH	1,917	NH	1,944	NH	2,140	ID	2,086	ME	1,694
47	NH	1,387	ME	1,340	ME	1,348	ME	1,303	MT	1,906	MT	1,783	MT	1,821	MT	1,956	NH	1,354
48	ME	1,176	ND	1,012	NH	1,337	ND	906	ME	1,456	ME	1,429	ME	1,671	ME	1,322	ND	1,036
49	ND	882	WY	776	ND	1,057	SD	846	ND	1,078	ND	1,018	ND	1,086	ND	986	VT	912
50	SD	800	SD	718	SD	841	WY	799	SD	874	SD	819	SD	815	VT	809	SD	861
51	WY	713	VT	586	WY	739	VT	575	WY	798	VT	769	VT	758	SD	798	WY	596
52	VT	585			VT	641			VT	646	WY	743	WY	696	WY	573		

Source: FBI UCR

APPENDIX

VEHICLE THEFT

Vehicle Theft Rate Per 100,000 Residents
1999 - 2007



2008	Rate	2006	Rate	2005	Rate	2004	Rate	2003	Rate	2002	Rate	2001	Rate	2000	Rate	1999	Rate	1994	Rate
DC	1092.4	DC	1402.3	DC	1402.3	DC	1519.0	DC	1757.8	DC	1681.4	DC	1341.3	DC	1153.7	DC	1281.7	DC	1449.3
NV	611.6	NV	1115.2	NV	1115.2	NV	969.5	AZ	1021.3	AZ	1056.9	AZ	983.6	AZ	842.1	AZ	800.5	AZ	1066.7
AZ	572.6	AZ	924.4	AZ	924.4	AZ	962.9	NV	929.8	NV	804.5	NV	698.1	NV	659.2	NV	723.8	CA	980.6
CA	523.8	WA	783.9	WA	783.9	CA	703.8	HI	767.4	HI	796.0	WA	652.6	WA	594.1	FL	616.7	FL	911.5
MD	449.7	HI	716.4	HI	716.4	WA	696.9	CA	680.1	WA	667.2	MD	595.8	MI	560.7	WA	587.3	MD	763.0
WA	432.6	CA	712.8	CA	712.8	HI	682.6	WA	662.5	CA	633.2	CA	591.4	FL	558.0	MI	575.8	NV	759.4
GA	409.1	MD	608.4	MD	608.4	MD	645.2	MD	660.8	MD	623.3	HI	550.7	MD	539.5	GA	515.2	NY	709.3
NM	403.4	CO	559.5	CO	559.5	CO	522.9	OR	533.5	FL	529.6	FL	548.4	CA	537.4	CA	508.3	OR	705.2
HI	398.5	OR	529.0	OR	529.0	OR	515.6	MI	533.1	CO	514.4	MI	536.6	HI	504.6	LA	496.2	MA	701.0
SC	394.0	GA	490.2	GA	490.2	GA	501.0	MO	502.4	MI	494.7	MO	497.6	TN	483.9	MD	492.0	NJ	660.0
MI	362.3	MI	476.5	MI	476.5	MI	499.9	GA	499.4	MO	491.5	TN	492.5	LA	475.9	MS	488.7	MI	656.1
MO	351.3	MO	443.1	MO	443.1	FL	450.2	CO	498.8	TX	471.4	LA	485.7	GA	472.8	NM	467.0	CT	615.8
TX	350.8	FL	423.3	FL	423.3	MO	450.0	FL	479.2	OR	469.4	TX	481.4	IL	452.1	TN	460.5	LA	607.6
FL	346.5	TN	420.6	TN	420.6	LA	436.6	TN	452.1	TN	457.8	RI	476.2	TX	446.8	TX	459.2	TX	602.6
LA	311.6	NM	414.5	NM	414.5	TN	419.4	TX	444.0	RI	455.8	CO	475.2	RI	445.0	NJ	434.2	IL	563.5
TN	309.3	TX	408.7	TX	408.7	TX	418.3	LA	442.2	LA	450.3	GA	448.3	MO	441.4	IL	429.7	TN	560.3
RI	304.5	RI	408.7	RI	408.7	NM	415.2	RI	407.7	GA	444.3	NJ	444.4	MA	407.6	AK	429.4	GA	557.2
OR	299.0	OK	391.8	OK	391.8	RI	377.4	MJ	400.2	NJ	416.0	MA	436.2	OR	407.2	MO	420.3	HI	541.4
OK	298.7	AK	391.0	AK	391.0	SC	372.5	MA	396.5	MA	413.6	OR	427.4	NJ	405.9	MA	415.0	AK	540.4
DE	291.0	SC	384.4	SC	384.4	OK	367.7	NM	387.1	SC	410.7	AK	412.4	NM	403.6	OR	411.1	RI	519.9
NC	290.0	OH	360.9	OH	360.9	OH	356.5	SC	380.1	NM	400.0	IL	390.8	DE	402.1	RI	406.9	MO	512.3
AL	288.7	IN	346.7	IN	346.7	NJ	348.4	AK	377.3	AK	383.8	NM	390.2	CO	394.3	DE	403.6	NM	504.8
CO	273.7	UT	343.9	UT	343.9	MA	343.7	OK	369.0	DE	378.6	NE	378.8	CT	384.6	HI	393.2	WA	500.5
IN	273.7	KS	339.6	KS	339.6	IN	338.1	OH	358.5	OH	375.5	OH	371.3	SC	379.0	SC	371.7	OK	474.6
KS	263.9	NC	327.8	NC	327.8	UT	320.3	DE	352.3	NE	370.6	OK	363.3	AK	374.8	CO	364.8	PA	449.3
UT	262.9	LA	318.1	LA	318.1	IL	317.4	NE	352.1	OK	365.6	SC	363.3	OK	357.8	OK	361.3	IN	434.8
CT	256.0	NJ	317.5	NJ	317.5	NC	316.0	IN	335.2	IL	356.0	CT	361.4	IN	346.8	OH	348.2	OH	427.1
IL	252.5	NE	316.5	NE	316.5	CT	314.7	AL	332.3	PR	335.2	IN	351.6	OH	343.7	UT	346.6	DE	417.1
OH	248.4	IL	308.6	IL	308.6	AL	309.6	UT	330.2	CT	334.4	DE	349.0	PR	340.7	IN	341.4	MS	405.0
AK	238.7	CT	296.8	CT	296.8	KS	308.4	IL	330.1	UT	333.4	MS	331.5	NC	313.9	NC	334.3	CO	392.9
NE	234.8	MA	295.1	MA	295.1	NE	302.6	NC	319.9	MS	331.6	PR	329.3	NE	305.6	PA	327.1	NE	384.2
NJ	232.4	AL	288.3	AL	288.3	MS	271.4	CT	316.5	IN	329.4	MN	302.3	PA	295.8	NE	326.5	WI	360.5
AR	228.0	DE	278.5	DE	278.5	MN	265.0	PR	314.8	AL	309.6	NC	301.1	UT	289.3	NY	320.2	SC	359.8
MS	216.2	MN	278.2	MN	278.2	DE	258.6	MS	310.6	NC	298.9	KS	296.3	AL	288.0	AL	300.5	AL	331.8
WI	204.7	AR	262.1	AR	262.1	PA	249.6	KS	285.6	MN	275.8	PA	290.7	NY	285.8	MN	278.0	KS	328.2
MA	196.0	MS	256.5	MS	256.5	AR	235.8	MN	272.0	PA	266.0	UT	286.9	MN	273.0	WI	263.2	AR	315.0
MN	193.1	PR	237.7	PR	237.7	VA	233.4	PA	270.4	KS	265.5	AL	282.7	WI	272.9	AR	261.2	MN	314.3
PA	180.5	PA	236.5	PA	236.5	NY	213.3	VA	242.5	VA	253.3	WI	272.5	AR	259.3	VA	261.2	NC	301.9
KY	179.6	WI	226.6	WI	226.6	KY	211.6	NY	235.6	AR	251.4	AR	271.9	VA	251.6	CT	244.2	UT	298.2
PR	177.1	VA	211.1	VA	211.1	WI	205.5	KY	227.5	WI	247.3	VA	262.1	MS	245.0	KS	227.9	MT	286.2
WV	176.6	KY	210.8	KY	210.8	WV	206.0	WI	225.1	NY	247.2	NY	254.0	KS	241.6	KY	217.9	VA	279.1
VA	170.7	MT	210.7	MT	210.7	ID	195.5	AR	220.5	WV	216.3	KY	229.8	KY	229.5	MT	214.7	KY	223.6
MT	162.6	WV	210.0	WV	210.0	IA	182.9	MT	207.7	KY	213.8	MT	201.3	MT	216.8	WV	208.2	NH	202.5
IA	144.3	ID	201.8	ID	201.8	MT	174.6	WV	194.7	IA	198.3	IA	188.3	IA	183.6	IA	179.0	ID	195.1
ND	137.5	NY	185.6	NY	185.6	WY	157.7	ID	190.9	MT	196.1	ID	180.8	WV	183.3	ND	163.4	IA	180.1
WY	133.9	IA	184.6	IA	184.6	NH	149.4	IA	190.2	ID	195.9	WV	178.5	NH	173.8	VT	153.2	WV	179.7
NY	128.9	ND	166.0	ND	166.0	ND	142.8	ND	170.1	ND	160.5	ND	171.2	ID	161.2	ID	151.6	WY	162.0
ID	109.5	WY	145.1	WY	145.1	SD	109.7	WY	159.2	NH	152.5	NH	170.0	ND	153.5	ME	135.2	ND	151.1
NH	105.4	SD	108.4	SD	108.4	ME	98.9	NH	148.9	WY	149.0	WY	140.8	VT	132.9	WY	124.2	VT	148.6
SD	99.5	VT	102.9	VT	102.9	VT	92.5	SD	114.4	VT	124.7	ME	129.9	WY	116.0	SD	117.5	ME	143.2
VT	94.2	NH	102.1	NH	102.1	AK	34.8	ME	111.5	ME	110.4	VT	123.6	SD	105.7	NH	112.7	SD	120.9
ME	89.3	ME	102.0	ME	102.0	VT	104.3	SD	107.6	SD	107.6	SD	107.7	ME	103.7				

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VEHICLE THEFT FACTS AND TIPS

Did you know?

- ◆ In 2008 there were 25,340 motor vehicles stolen in Maryland.
- ◆ A vehicle theft occurs every twenty-one minutes in Maryland.
- ◆ In approximately 25 percent of the vehicles stolen, keys were left in the vehicles.
- ◆ It is estimated that 70 percent of the vehicles stolen were not locked.
- ◆ Recent surveys reflect that an anti-theft device was used in less than 5 percent of stolen vehicles.
- ◆ 3,287 individuals were arrested for vehicle theft in 2008.
- ◆ Juveniles represented 42 percent of the arrests.
- ◆ Approximately 25 to 40 percent of the cost of comprehensive auto insurance is due to auto theft.

Protect yourself and your car!

- ◆ You hold the key! Lock your car and take the key.
- ◆ Use anti-theft devices such as alarms, kill switches, steering wheel and brake locking devices, or recovery systems.
- ◆ Park in well lighted and heavily traveled areas.
- ◆ Park with wheels turned toward the curb.
- ◆ Lock vehicle doors upon entering.
- ◆ Do not hide spare keys in or under the vehicle, they can be easily found.
- ◆ Never leave vehicle registration card, driver's license, or any type of owner identification in the glove box.
- ◆ Don't leave valuables in sight within the car...

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