



TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1990 DECEMBER 05

FROM: SUPERINTENDENT B.A. BEAUDREAU
OFFICER IN CHARGE
BURNABY DETACHMENT R.C.M.P.

SUBJECT: THEFTS FROM VEHICLE - METROTOWN - 1990 NOVEMBER 21

PURPOSE: To surface police initiatives to combat the thefts from vehicle problem in the Metrotown Mall area.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That a copy of this report be sent to Mrs. J.M. CHAMBERS.

REPORT

I am in receipt of your correspondence and that of Mrs. J.M. CHAMBERS dated 1990 November 22.

Theft from Vehicles is our most prevalent criminal occurrence. In the Metrotown area, this problem is still on the increase, with 310 reported cases so far this year. Due to the vast areas of parking in the Metrotown area, the demand for service has become more acute. The speed at which the crime can be perpetrated is only seconds, posing a logistical problem - being in the right place at the right time.

Currently, there are, and will continue to be, police initiatives being introduced to combat this type of crime. To date, the following are actions taken:

- (a) Two sub offices have been established, one in the Metrotown Mall and one in Eaton Centre Mall. This has given a higher visibility profile to the parking area and malls.
- (b) Our Merchant Crime Watch Program has joined forces to bring security and merchants to a point of awareness to be ever vigilant in their respective areas. Security has a program of foot beats in the parking areas as well as a mobile - golf cart - to better patrol the lots.
- (c) The R.C.M.P., I.C.B.C. and Mall Security have initiated a signage program to install "Lock It and Leave It" signs to remind or create awareness for patrons to secure their goods in their vehicles.
- (d) Constant media relations to create an awareness that this is a real problem and take precautionary action to prevent this from occurring.
- (e) Many hours of patrol initiated by the Auxiliary Police Bicycle Team in efforts to curb Thefts of Auto and Thefts From Auto.
- (f) The level of service to the malls has placed a great demand on existing resources and our response to it has placed more members in that area, which in itself is a deterrent.

In conclusion, the best solution is a preventative one. Our message has been "out of sight, out of mind". Place all valuables, where possible, in the trunk of the vehicle or keep it with you. As resources are limited, prevention is the best protection for not becoming a victim.

A member of the Detachment will personally discuss this matter with Mrs. CHAMBERS

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