



COUNTRYSIDE POLICE

CRIME ALERT

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The Countryside Police Department has been alerted to the following criminal activity relevant to your business:

We have seen an increasing number of burglaries to car dealerships during overnight hours in the Chicago Metropolitan Area. The offenders in these cases have targeted numerous auto dealerships by forcing entry to the dealership. Once inside they search the building to find vehicle keys. If the keys are located, the offenders will search for the cars that match them and steal as many cars as they can. This includes cars from the service area of the building, the showroom floor, and the parking lot. Additionally, there have been instances where the offenders are suspected to be using reprogramming devices to reprogram keys specific to the car(s) they want to steal.

While conducting day-to-day business, please be aware of persons who appear to be casing your business or asking strange questions. **We also recommend making every effort to secure the keys to vehicles in the service area, on the sales floor, and in your lot.**

In order to deter these offenders, please take steps to secure any and all doors and parking lots. Further steps would include making sure that parking lots are well lit, and that any alarms and video cameras are functioning properly.

The Countryside Police Department has increased our overnight patrols and makes every attempt to monitor your business on a regular basis during the overnight hours.

Remember, any suspicious behaviors or activity should be reported to the Countryside Police Department by dialing 9-1-1.

This information is being provided to make you aware of suspicious or criminal activity in the Countryside area. Please review this alert and take appropriate action.

Any questions can be directed to Deputy Chief Paul Klimek at (708) 352-2171.