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Stolen Vehicles

Since the night of March 25, the Eureka Police Department and allied agencies are actively investigating a series of stolen vehicles and carjackings. The suspects involved in these crimes are reportedly armed with firearms and have brandished them at victims. At this time, these incidents appear to be related. Various Hyundai and Kia models are being targeted.

As reported by National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), Hyundai and Kia models “make up the majority of the list of most-stolen vehicles.” If you own a Hyundai or Kia, contact your local dealer to see if you qualify for a software update, an ignition cylinder protector, and/or steering wheel lock.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), here are some vehicle theft prevention tips:

- Do not leave your keys in your vehicle.
- Close and lock all windows and doors when parked.
- Park in well-lit area.
- Never leave valuables in your vehicle.
- Use audible and visible alarm devices.
- Install immobilizing-type devices which prevent the bypassing of a vehicle’s ignition system.
- Install Vehicle Recovery Systems to assist in locating your vehicle if stolen.

If you have information, please contact EPD’s Criminal Investigation Unit (CIU) at 707-441-4300.

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