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Boston Police urge vigilance after 9 car break-ins in 26-hour span in West Roxbury, Roslindale

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Nine car break-ins were reported over a 26-hour span in West Roxbury and Roslindale, prompting Boston Police to issue an alert to drivers in those neighborhoods to lock doors, completely close windows and to avoid leaving valuable items in their vehicles.

If a driver cannot take valuables with them, they should hide them, preferably in the vehicle's trunk.

Police also said drivers should, if possible, install anti-theft equipment on their vehicles, and, car owners with standard door lock buttons should replace them with tapered door lock buttons, which are more difficult to pop open with a wire or other device.

The alert asks anyone who sees a car theft, break-in or unusual activity to call 911.

The nine break-ins were reported between 6:45 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12, and 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 13. In each instance, property was stolen, though police did not specify what items were taken except that a GPS device was stolen in three of the break-ins.

The first was reported in the area of Beram Street. The second was reported at about 7:20 a.m. Tuesday in the area of Willow Street.

The third was reported at about 9:30 a.m. in the area of Stratford Street. The next report came about a half-hour later from the same street.

Between 10:10 and 10:30 a.m., three more car break-ins were reported – two on Willow Street and the other on Kittredge Street.

At about 3:45 p.m. another was reported in the area of Chisholm Road. The ninth vehicle break-in was reported in the area of Manthorne Road.

Boston Police are investigation and ask anyone with information to contact detectives at the Area E-5 police station at 617-343-4566. Information can also be provided to police anonymously by calling the CrimeStoppers Tip Line at 1-800-494-TIPS (8477) or by texting the word TIP to CRIME (27463).

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