

Vehicle Theft Crisis in CA, TX, and FL Prompts PSCC to Push Preventive Action

With theft hot spots growing, PSCC urges residents to use layered defense strategies and verify alert notices.

BOCA RATON, FL, UNITED STATES, May 5, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Vehicle theft continues to surge across the United States, with California, Texas, and Florida consistently reporting some of the highest numbers nationwide. According to recent data from the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), over one million vehicles were stolen in the U.S. in 2023 alone. California led the nation with



more than 200,000 reported thefts, while Texas and Florida followed closely behind, each showing substantial year-over-year increases. These three states have long held their positions at the top of the list due to a combination of population density, geographic access, and high vehicle traffic.

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What makes these states especially vulnerable? Experts point to several overlapping factors: large metropolitan regions, proximity to major ports and borders, and extensive highway systems that provide fast escape routes.

Cities like Los Angeles, Houston, and Miami serve as key case studies, consistently flagged by law enforcement and insurance providers as high-risk zones for both personal vehicle theft and organized theft networks. To combat this growing threat, security professionals <u>recommend a layered approach</u> to vehicle protection. A variety of anti-theft solutions are available on the market, ranging from basic visual deterrents to advanced tracking systems. Here are several well-reviewed and widely recommended tools that consumers in high-risk areas are turning to:

• LoJack: Uses radio frequency tech tied to law enforcement for high-rate stolen vehicle recovery.

- CarSmarti: Offers LPR-based recovery systems and chips, often through outreach programs.
- The Club: A visible steering wheel lock that serves as a trusted, low-cost theft deterrent.

• Apple AirTags: Affordable GPS tags discreetly placed in vehicles for location tracking via Apple's network.

- OBD GPS Trackers: Plug-in devices like Vyncs provide real-time vehicle tracking and alerts.
- Faraday Pouches/Key Fob Boxes: Block signals to prevent thieves from capturing key fob codes.

• VIN Etching & Decals: Free or low-cost marking services make vehicles harder to resell if stolen.

• Kill Switches/Battery Disconnects: Disable vehicle start-up unless manually overridden.

Many modern vehicles include built-in GPS, SOS, and navigation features, but these systems alone aren't enough—experienced thieves can disable or bypass them. That's why experts stress a layered approach that pairs factory tech with added tools and physical deterrents.

"Our goal is to ensure that high-risk areas have access to the information and tools they need to stay protected," said a PSCC spokesperson. "If a consumer receives a PSCC letter or PSCC notice, it is not a scam. It means their neighborhood has been flagged based on crime reports, data mapping, and insurance claims. It's not a random promotion—it's a call to action."

When PSCC reaches out, there is often a specific offering or discount available based on area need or provider availability. However, even if someone is not interested in the specific product or offer mentioned, the most important part is raising awareness and encouraging action. Whether or not a consumer takes advantage of an offer, they can still benefit from knowing their risk and reviewing reputable protection tools. Follow us on social media for ongoing tips and recent articles to "stay in the know."

"We believe informed communities are safer communities," <u>the spokesperson added</u>. "It's about giving credit to quality services and products, when deserved; and raising awareness, encouraging layered protection, and connecting people to trustworthy resources, to aid law enforcement and our communities."

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