Subject: Re: FW: Public Advisory - Rash of Theft From Vehicles Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2005 21:09:27 -0800 From: Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca> To: Ernie Crist <ernie\_crist@dnv.org> CC: fonvca@fonvca.org, Cagebvc@yahoo.com

I am no expert in this matter but density per se is likely not the problem. A stronger correlation likely exists with the socioeconomics of the population - which may be lower for higher density areas. A proper GIS study, taking into account the various socioeconomic factors would provide a more objective answer. The statistics on theft can also be heavily biased by just a few determined criminals - who are often responsible for most of these crimes. Of course there may well be more crimes in the District as a result of densification in the City of North Vancouver. Again, we need to look more closely at the data. Things are not always so simple and clear cut.

Corrie Kost

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Ernie Crist wrote:

> For your information.

> Question? Is there a connection between the massive densification of the > City of North Vancouver and the dramatic increase in crime on the North > Shore? What is your opinion? > Ernie Crist > > > ----Original Message-----> From: Kelly WEEKS [mailto:kelly.weeks@rcmp-grc.gc.ca] > Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2005 10:31 AM > To: bfearnley@cnv.org; bperrault@cnv.org; bsharp@cnv.org; > ckeating@cnv.org; Darrell Mussatto; rclark@cnv.org; rheywood@cnv.org; > Alan Nixon; Ernie Crist; Mayor Harris; Lisa Muri; Maureen McKeon Holmes; > Richard Walton > Cc: crabold@cnv.org; ktollstam@cnv.org; Jeanine Bratina; Colleen Brow; > James Ridge > Subject: Public Advisory - Rash of Theft From Vehicles > The North Vancouver RCMP want to advise the public that in the past > couple of weeks theft from motor vehicles has been on the rise. > The RCMP in North Vancouver have been busy investigating a rash of > thefts from vehicles. These thefts are mostly occurring from the > Lonsdale Quay all the way up the 29th Ave. They are also occurring in > the area of Chesterfield Ave. The suspect is entering underground > parkades of businesses and homes and breaking into numerous cars at each > location. > This crime is a crime of opportunity for most criminals and is quite > often an act of desperation to support a drug habit. Thieves will look > for personal belongings left in your car such as wallets, bags, > clothing, computer equipment, change and even empty cans and bottles. > Police want to remind the public to ensure that nothing is left in your > vehicle including your insurance papers which contain your personal > details on them. Even in an underground, secured parking lot your > vehicle should be locked with its alarm system activated. Do not leave > remote controls for your garage door in your car as this may easily give > the thief an opportunity to come back. Be extremely vigilant when > entering your garage or underground parkade and ensure that the door

> shuts behind you without letting another party inside. If you spot a

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> suspicious person, call the police.
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> If you have any information regarding these thefts you are asked to
> contact the North Vancouver RCMP at (604)985-1311, or, if you wish to
> remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.
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