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FROM/DE: Caledon Detachment

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CAUGHT IN THE ACT: SIX CHARGED FOR ATTEMPTING TO STEAL VEHICLES

(CALEDON, ON) – Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged six individuals that were attempting to steal vehicles in the community of Southfields Village.

On Friday, May 13, 2022, at approximately 4:42 a.m., officers responded to a report of a suspicious person on Bonnieglan Farm Boulevard in the Town of Caledon. When officers arrived, six individuals were located and arrested for attempting to steal vehicles.

The Caledon Community Street Crime Unit is continuing the investigation alongside police agencies from surrounding jurisdictions. As a result of the arrests, the following charges have been laid:

Matias BLOUIN-FUENTES, 18, of Montreal

- Possessing automobile master key
- Theft of motor vehicle
- Failure to comply with undertaking

Jamal CHERY, 18, of Laval

- Possession automobile master key
- Theft of motor vehicle

Douglasse JEAN RISME, 25, of Montreal

- Mischief over \$5000
- Trespassing at night
- Possessing automotive master key
- Theft of motor vehicle

Jovonta JEAN, 21, of St. Laurent

- Failure to comply with release order
- Possessing automotive master key
- Theft of motor vehicle



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Ronel-Fils JEAN-BAPTISTE, 19, of Montreal

- Possessing automotive master key
- Theft of motor vehicle

Riccardo CHARLES, 32, of Montreal

- Failure to comply with release order
- Possessing automotive master key
- Theft of motor vehicle

All six accused were held for a Bail Hearing.

The attached picture is of a device that was seized during the offence. This technology is used to download data from vehicles and allows for the creation of a new wireless key fob, which can then be used to start and steal the vehicle.

Caledon OPP would like to thank the member of the community who reported the suspicious activity. It demonstrates the importance of reporting unusual activity in your community to police. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, you never have to testify, and you could receive a cash reward of up to \$2000 upon an arrest.

Today's auto thieves are increasingly turning to technology that bypasses security systems allowing vehicles to be stolen. Electronic auto theft is on the rise as more vehicles are equipped with technology such as keyless entry fobs. In fact, the insurance industry has seen the growing trend that thieves are able to copy fob information and steal cars right from your driveway. The term "relay thefts" involves the use of equipment designed to boost and exploit the signals sent out by a vehicle's legitimate key fob. This allows for a thief to unlock and start an engine of a vehicle remotely.

Residents can help protect their vehicles by taking any of the following crime prevention measures:

- Ensure your vehicle keys are kept well away from doors and windows
- Use a signal blocking pouch/box – they can block your key fob from transmitting its code to the vehicle as the pouch is lined with layers of metallic material
- Turn off the keyless fob wireless signal at night (refer to your car manual for instructions)
- Use a steering wheel lock or car alarm – this could add a significantly delay or be a deterrent for thieves
- Consider a secondary audible car alarm – which works by using sensors placed in different points of your vehicle
- Park in the garage (if possible)



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- Insert a car tracker – unusual activity is monitored, and car can be tracked using GPS if stolen

Police and its insurance industry partners also want to raise public awareness about the opportunities for criminals who intend to steal personal identification from unsecured vehicles. Licenses, insurance, vehicle ownerships, passports, as well as mobile devices or laptops, offer criminals the opportunity to further victimize individuals who do not lock their vehicles, or who leave their valuables in plain view.

Vehicle owners/passengers can do simple things to decrease the risk of being victimized, such as:

- Never leave a running vehicle unattended
- Lock your doors
- Roll up your windows
- Keep valuables out of sight
- Keep your registration and proof of insurance in your wallet or purse, not in the glove box
- Pocket your keys
- At night or during extended parking periods, always park in a well-lit area.

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TOP 10
TIPS

Protect your vehicle and its contents.

#LockItOrLosIt

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1

Ensure your doors are always locked.

2

Always park in well-lit areas.

3

Never leave money in plain sight.

4

Always roll up your car windows.

5

Put shopping bags and other items in the trunk.

6

Never leave your spare key or GPS in the vehicle.

7

Keep your vehicle registration certificate and proof of insurance on you.

8

Take all electronics with you.

9

Don't leave your car running while unattended.

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Be sure to alternate spots each day, if parking in the same lot.



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A professional can steal your vehicle in just under 30 seconds.
A vehicle with an unlocked door or open window is an easy target. Protect your vehicle from theft. Always roll up your vehicle's windows, lock the doors and pocket the keys when you park your car. Park in a well-lit area and never leave valuables in plain view.

CONDITION OF YOUR VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF OUR CRIME PREVENTION INSPECTION:

- ☐ vehicle unlocked
- ☐ vehicle unlocked with keys in view
- ☐ window(s) open
- ☐ valuables in plain view
- ☐ **VEHICLE LOCKED, KEYS REMOVED,
WINDOWS CLOSED, VALUABLES
OUT OF SIGHT. – Congratulations!**

This notice has been provided by the **Ontario Association
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For more information, visit:
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AUTO THEFT



PROTECTION TIPS

A professional can steal your vehicle
in just 30 seconds – without the key.
**Protect your vehicle from theft with
a few simple precautions:**

- ✓ Always roll up your vehicle's windows, lock the doors and pocket the key.
 - ✗ Never leave your vehicle unattended while it is running.
 - ✓ If you have a garage, use it and lock the door as well as your vehicle.
 - ✗ Never leave your car keys in plain view or in an easily accessible area.
 - ✓ Keep your vehicle registration certificate and proof of insurance on you at all times. Don't leave these documents in your glove compartment.
 - ✓ Always park your vehicle in a well-lit area.
 - ✗ Never leave valuable objects or packages in full view. Put them in the trunk.
 - ✓ Give only your ignition key to a parking lot attendant. Keep all other keys with you.
- Inform your local police department, or call the IBC TIPS Line at **1-877-IBC-TIPS**, if you see vehicles or vehicle-related activities that look suspicious.

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