

INITIAL VEHICLE THEFT REPORT QUESTIONS

IMPACT Training provides law enforcement officers training to deter vehicle theft and related crimes.

IMPACT distributes this list of suggested interview questions for patrol officers to consider using when completing their initial theft report.

This list is not all inclusive nor should it supersede any procedure that is in place for the jurisdiction or agency using the list.

- Who was the last person to drive the vehicle?
 - Names & relationship?
- Does anyone else have access to use this vehicle?
 - Names & relationship?
- How many keys or fobs do you have for this vehicle?
 - Where were they at time of theft? Please show me the keys or fobs.
- Do you know who may have taken the vehicle?
 - If yes, please provide any relationship details.
- Were there any keys, garage door openers, valuables, personal identity documents, or weapons in the vehicle?
 - If yes, what were they and where were they located in the vehicle?
 - Please list all additional items in your vehicle.
- Did you have your phone, or anyone else's phone connected to the vehicle?
 - If yes, who is the provider, phone number, and name of anyone else with a phone linked to the vehicle?

- Contact Information: Personal email and work email address?
- Do you have any online media accounts (i.e. Facebook, Snapchat, X/Twitter, TikTok)?
- If yes, what is the ID that is used for each one?
- Is your vehicle equipped with any vehicle tracking capabilities, i.e. Lojack, OnStar, GPS, transponders, or Air Tags?
 - Have you notified these companies of the theft?
 - Does the vehicle have Apple Car Play or Android Auto that is active?
- When and where was the vehicle last repaired or serviced?
 - Provide details and supporting service records.
- Did you recently purchase the vehicle?
 - Do you have the vehicle title or does the Lienholder have the title to the vehicle?
 - If financed, who is the lender and contact information?
 - Are the payments up to date?
- Have you advertised your car for sale recently or showed it to a perspective buyer?
 - How was it advertised?
 - Any contact with a perspective buyer?
- Are there any special features, after market equipment, decals, or identifiers unique to our vehicle?
 - Describe in detail those identifiers.
- Is the vehicle insured against theft?
 - Who is the agent or company and have you notified them?
- Secondary contact if we cannot reach you?
 - Contact information and relationship.

Patrol officers should canvas the scene of the theft for video surveillance and make specific notes in the report. This includes both residential or business cameras.