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II. **TYPE OF INCIDENT:** ****UPDATE**** Vehicle Thefts

III. **INFORMATION:**

Since September of this year, vehicle thefts in the City of Livermore have risen substantially. The vehicles targeted remain consistent and between two types. The first victim vehicle is older model Honda Accords and Civics. The second victim vehicle is white Ford work trucks and vans. An analysis of where, when, and how these vehicles are being stolen has produced no significant trends other than on occasion, more than one vehicle of the same type is stolen at a time and thefts occur in the early morning hours.

The Livermore Police Department has learned the increases in vehicle thefts is not limited to Livermore and have been occurring county-wide. The reasons for these vehicles being targeted are unclear and the vehicles are being recovered in various locations throughout the bay area. No suspect or additional information is available at this time.

The Livermore Police Department is asking the community to be vigilant in their neighborhoods. Be cognizant of vehicles and persons who are out of place and / or acting suspiciously in your community, especially during late night and early morning hours. Contact the Livermore Police Department if you see suspicious activity (Non-emergency: (925) 371-4987 / Emergency: 911). Include in your call: the location, a description of the activity, a description of those involved (vehicles included), and any direction of travel.

In order to prevent being the victim of vehicle related theft, please follow these procedures:

- Lock your vehicles (always).
- Park in well-lit areas or in a garage (when possible).
- Use mechanical anti-theft devices (Steering wheel lock, pedal locks).
- Install ignition / fuel kill switches.
- Install audible alarm.
- Remove all valuables from the vehicle.

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