

#### RIVER FOREST CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

## **COMMUNITY ALERT BULLETIN**



INFORMATION OF INTEREST IN OUR COMMUNITY



# Multiple Criminal Damage Reports



### What Happened?

On September 17th, 2021 between approximately 2:30am and 7:00am an unknown subject(s) slashed the tires of several vehicles parked on North Avenue between Thatcher and Ashland. At this time we have received reports that 11 vehicles were damaged. This appears to be a random criminal act as the only vehicles targeted were in close proximity to the North Avenue sidewalk — which is likely where the offender had been traveling.

### What Can You Do to Protect Your Property?

The River Forest Police Department is currently interviewing victims, canvassing the area for witnesses and gathering video surveillance from nearby cameras. We have also assigned additional patrols of uniformed and plainclothes officers in the area. In the meantime, please follow these tips to help protect your property:

- Use a garage (if you have one).
- Light up the area—proximity sensor lights are a good energy-saving option.
- Consider video surveillance that covers the vehicle.
- Remove temptation— take valuable items with you.

- Utilize your vehicle's factory alarm or invest in an aftermarket alarm.
- Dash Cams—Some dash cams have a "parked" feature which will record incidents even when the vehicle is turned off.
- Call the Police if you see anything suspicious or have any information on these incidents.

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING. For any questions or information, please contact RFPD at 708-366-7215