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Statement from Chief Ryan Peters on Recent Crime Activity in Summit

SUMMIT, NJ, December 1, 2025 – Over the past several weeks, the region has seen an increase in burglaries to motor vehicles, attempted vehicle thefts, motor vehicle thefts, attempted burglaries to houses, as well as burglaries to houses that are occupied. In most of these incidents, suspects entered homes in search of key fobs. While Summit has not experienced the same level of criminal activity to date, these trends often move from town to town, and I want our residents to be prepared.

The Summit Police Department is prioritizing this situation and actively participating in information sharing with law enforcement partners in the region. Our priority is to keep Summit safe, and part of that is ensuring we identify and mitigate patterns we observe in nearby communities. While we continue to take steps on our end, we also need residents to remain vigilant.

Please take the following precautions, which meaningfully reduce opportunities for crime:

- If possible, park your vehicles inside a garage
- Remove all valuables, including key fobs, from plain view in your car and house
- Lock all vehicle doors
- Lock all exterior doors and windows to your home
- Lock the door between the garage and house if they are connected
- Set your home alarm system if you have one
- Turn on exterior lighting, especially overnight

If you see or hear anything suspicious, or if your home security cameras capture unusual activity, call the Summit Police Department immediately at 908-273-0051 (call 911 in an emergency). Quick reporting gives us the best chance to respond in real time and prevent additional incidents.

Residents can also schedule a [free home security assessment](#) through our website. An officer will review your property and offer personalized recommendations to enhance your home's safety.

We appreciate your cooperation and vigilance. By working together, we can reduce risks and keep Summit safe for everyone.

Chief Ryan Peters
Summit Police Department

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