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SHOTS FIRED/ATTEMPTED VEHICLE THEFT

Bloomington, IL - On Sunday, 10/23/2022, at approximately 8:00 a.m., Bloomington police officers were dispatched to the parking lot of a business in the 1400 block of North Veterans Parkway for vehicle theft. Once on scene, officers learned that multiple masked suspects attempted to steal a vehicle parked in a parking lot, but were interrupted by the owner of the vehicle. Suspects physically fought with the vehicle owner before firing multiple rounds in the direction of the owner and another citizen. Both the owner and citizen were struck by gunfire but sustained only minor injuries. Neither the owner nor the citizen were transported to the hospital.

The vehicle targeted for theft in this incident was one of several high horsepower models produced by Dodge/Jeep. These models; Hellcat, SRT, Scat Pack and the Trackhawk are all powered by high output motors and have become the target of a growing number of local car thefts.

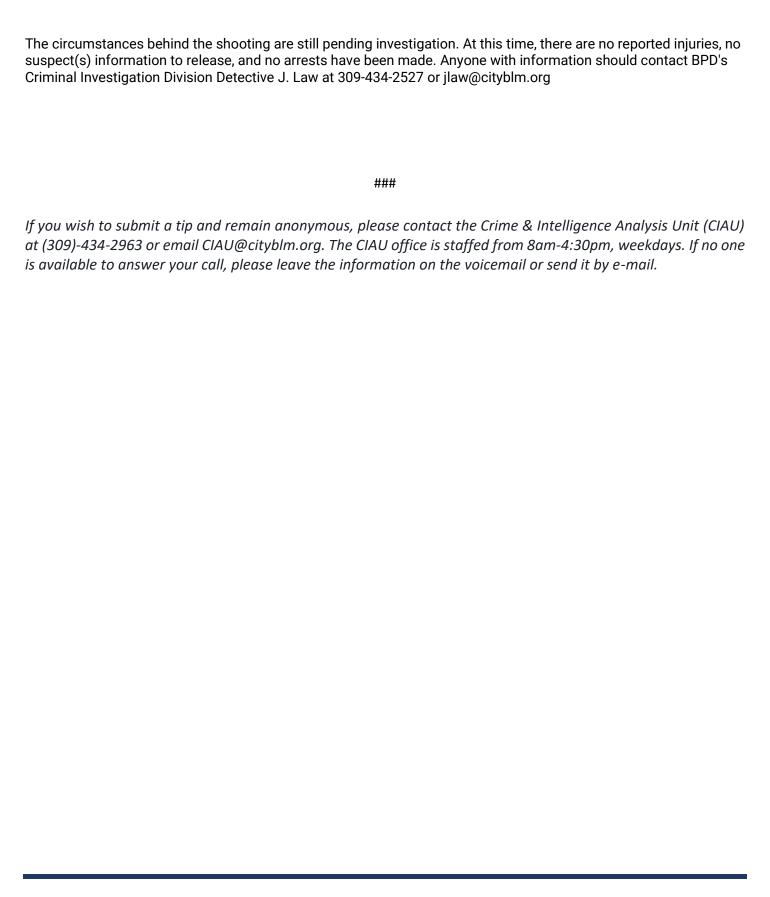
The following tips may prevent you from having your vehicle stolen:

- -Keep doors locked and windows shut when you're not in your vehicle
- -Hide valuable items
- -Park in secure, well-lit, and highly traveled areas
- -Make use of anti-theft devices
- -Enable your car's tracking system
- -Have your phone ready
- -Approach your car with your keys in your hand
- -Don't sit in your car while it is unlocked
- -Be aware of your surroundings

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