

COMMUNITY ALERT

Provided by: Tucker Crime Prevention Unit of the DeKalb Police Department

THEFT OF HIGH TICKET ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

If you are planning to purchase any large, high ticket electronic equipment in the future, we ask that you consider the following suggestions:

1. If you are planning to transport a large piece of electronic equipment, don't travel alone.
2. If the place of purchase has a covered area that you can pick up your merchandise, use it, and cover the merchandise with a tarp or other material that you bring with you. This will eliminate desirable merchandise, such as plasma televisions, from being in plain sight while riding in the back of a pickup truck in route to your destination.
3. Be alert to the vehicles behind you to check whether or not you are being followed.
4. If you suspect that you are being followed, find a well lit place where there are people and activity. If the suspicious vehicle follows you there, wait awhile, in your vehicle, until they leave. If they resume following you again, call 911.
5. Provide any descriptors that you can to the 911 operator (Example: dark colored Ford mini van with two male occupants).
6. Do not proceed to go home, if you are being followed.
7. If store delivery is available, consider having them deliver your merchandise.
8. Consider using an enclosed vehicle to transport expensive electronic equipment.

NOTE: When purchasing expensive items from any store, if the salesperson suggests something that isn't store policy (Ex. A friend can provide delivery and/or installation for half the price)--be wary. This could cost you more in the long run, if this "friend" is in your home for anything other than the delivery and/or installation.

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR COMMUNITY