

10 Stolen, 10 Recovered; Help Us Prevent Fleet Thefts

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In July 2022, DCAS ramped up [efforts](#) to prevent and recover vehicle thefts impacting the city fleet. These efforts are working with the support of all our fleet and partner agencies. From December 2022 through December 2024, there were attempts to steal 10 fleet units, all tracked through our Fleet Office of Real-Time Tracking (FORT). All 10 vehicles have been successfully and swiftly recovered following the incidents.

These thefts impacted seven agencies, including NYC Parks, NYC Public Schools (NYCPS), Department of Probation (DOP), Department of Correction (DOC), Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Administration for Children's Services (ACS), and NYC Office of Technology and Innovation (OTI). The unit types included vans, pickups, sedans, SUVs, and buses.

Technology played a significant role in these efforts. DCAS live tracking telematics, license plate readers from law enforcement agencies, video streams, and other technologies are helping us to quickly identify where these vehicles are in the city and [beyond](#), as in the case of a Parks pickup that was already located in Virginia when the suspects were arrested.

DCAS has also improved coordination and immediate response with the New York Police Department (NYPD) and Department of Investigation (DOI) to support these recoveries. We have marshaled our resources to locate and reclaim these vehicles by quickly working together when a theft alert is received.

Of course, the city fleet is just one part of the broader effort led by NYPD to address vehicle thefts. According to [published](#) NYPD statistics, vehicle thefts are down citywide by 17.8% so far in 2025 compared to last year.

Technology and mobilization will only work if agency partners and operators do their part. **The most critical factor in recovering stolen vehicles is fast and immediate reporting by city agencies.** It is also essential that maintenance or repairs on telematics devices is completed quickly. Telematics is required

by [Executive Order](#) 41 of 2019. Agencies are expected to resolve any disconnects immediately.

Attached below is a picture of an ACS vehicle stolen in September 2024. The thieves broke through the windshield to gain access and got it moving. They drove it to what they believed was a safe location away, removed and destroyed the tracking technology they could find, and attached fake plates to drive the vehicle out of the city quickly. Thanks to a fast alert from ACS and NYPD's help, DCAS arrived first.



Stuart Goldstein, Assistant Commissioner of Support Services at ACS, said, "Though the thieves tried their best to compromise the telematics system, the data

available was essential to this critical vehicle's swift recovery. Telematics is a game changer. DCAS had the foresight to invest the city's money wisely."

If there is any doubt about the location of a city vehicle, please do not delay. Report it immediately to DCAS and NYPD. Time is critical in these efforts.

Thanks to the team at DCAS Fleet, including Matthew Aronberg, Nate Koszer, Muhammad Nadeem, Marcin Gubernat, Harris Kaplan, and others who have played key roles in these theft recoveries, and to our partners at NYPD and DOI.

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**Thursday,
May 15, 2025
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

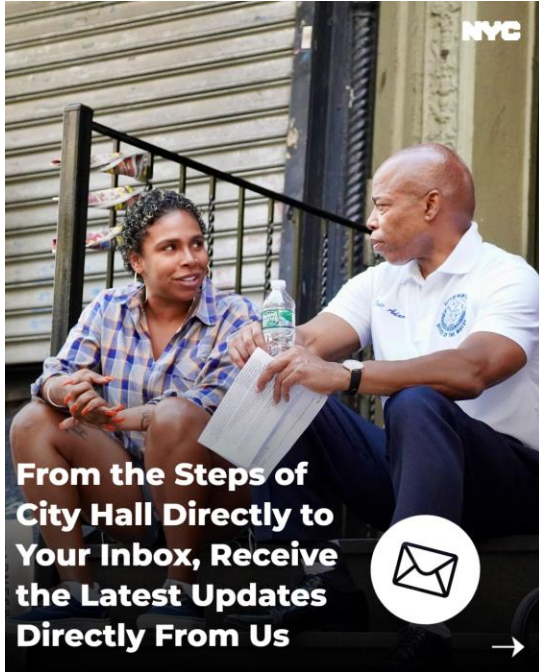
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May 16, 2025**



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