


PLAN TO COMBAT CAR THEFTS IN NYC SUMMARY

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Despite an overall decrease in major crime in 2023, so far this year, grand larceny auto is up approximately 18% through July, driven primarily by an increase in the theft of certain Kia and Hyundai models that is not only impacting New York City but the entire nation. That trend – driven in large part by viral social media videos – emerged in the city in September 2022, spiked three months later, and continues to the current day. The mayor’s plan includes new enforcement strategies, enhanced collaboration with private and public sector partners, and education efforts by the New York City Police Department (NYPD), the New York City Office of Public Safety, and New York City Small Business Services (SBS).

Effective immediately, every NYPD precinct has a dedicated Grand Larceny Auto (GLA) radio motor patrol car outfitted with two mobile license plate readers (LPRs) that will be on patrol 24/7 and will serve as a liaison to the existing detective squads within the confines of each precinct. Additionally, the NYPD has assigned a GLA coordinator within its Crime Analysis Unit to enhance data collection on stolen or lost vehicles and arrest tracking.

The newly deployed GLA response vehicles will scan known active hotspot locations and recovery locations within their command to identify potential stolen vehicles and reduce response times by patrol when responding to calls for stolen vehicles. To further the department’s GLA investigative efforts, officers deployed to GLA response vehicles will:

- Enhance the quality of GLA investigations by increasing evidence collection through broader video recovery and greater canvassing of potential witnesses following a car theft.
- Ensure near real-time notifications to the department’s interconnected LPR alert system following a confirmed report of a vehicle theft, enabling the department’s more than 250 LPRs throughout the city to provide department-wide updates on a stolen vehicle’s location and trigger a swift response.
- Receive advanced training to ensure proper charges are made against arrestees including the removal of Desk Appearance Tickets being issued for GLA.
- Utilize LPRs to proactively scan impound lots, scrap yards, and known hot-spot areas for stolen vehicles.
- Increase surveillance of recovered vehicles after the NYPD’s evidence collection team processes potential evidence in the event that the perpetrator returns to the vehicle.

In line with the NYPD's precision policing strategies, the collaborative new plan includes enhanced investigative tactics and the assignment of additional investigators to gather, analyze, and operationalize intelligence to combat car theft. The added personnel will aid in the Auto Crime Unit's work to discern trends in vehicle-related crimes, identify and suppress recidivism, and stop the kind of violent crimes that are being facilitated by the use of stolen vehicles. The Unit's intelligence sharing – across bureaus and boroughs – will enable the NYPD to better identify patterns, hone in on problematic conditions and locations, and develop timely, intelligence-driven deployment plans to knock down auto theft where it occurs.

In line with the Mayor's overall approach to utilizing state-of-the-art technology to enhance public safety operations, the Auto Crime Unit will continue to utilize all of the tools at its disposal and work in real time with the department's Auto Larceny Units in the field to assure successful outcomes and a safer city.

The plan also includes an unprecedented proactive educational strategy to help combat GLAs throughout New York City. Mayor Adams, Deputy Mayor for Public Safety Philip Banks III and SBS Commissioner Kevin Kim convened a group of representatives of the auto dealer industry, including the Greater New York Automobile Dealers Association, to implement strategies that will educate vehicle owners and consumers throughout the five boroughs. Efforts include:

- Proactively educating consumers about car thefts and encouraging new vehicle owners to install tracking devices in their automobiles at the time of sale as an effective and affordable anti-car theft measure.
- Partnering with the Greater New York Automobile Dealers Association (GNYADA) and Spectrum TV to roll out a new public service announcement with important information and safety tips to prevent car thefts.
- Conducting educational outreach at auto shows and events throughout the city, including the New York International Auto Show.
- Direct messaging from Mayor Adams and Police Commissioner Caban about the importance of locking vehicles and not leaving keys in them unattended in hot-spot police precincts.
- The placement of large billboards with educational information on them for vehicle owners near hot-spot locations.

Additionally, the NYPD has partnered with the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles to proactively notify owners of specific vehicle makes and models that crime trends indicate are being targeted for GLAs so they can take steps to protect themselves. This outreach will include both digital and door to door contact with important educational information.

- Ensure no Desk Appearance Tickets are issued

THE PLAN TO COMBAT CAR THEFTS IN NYC IN DETAIL

Comparing the first 6-months of 2023 to 2022

- **YTD: (7,519 vs 6,376) +1143** which is an increase of **(17.9%)** in GLAs
- This is up **72.9% from 2 years ago.**
- This is up **214% from 5 years ago.**
- Arrests are up **+22.2% (870 vs 712)**

July Stats (2023 compared to 2022)

- July 2023 **1,499** vs July 2022 **1,260** - an increase of **19.0%**
- Arrests are up **+92.7%** in 2023 compared to 2022 (**212 vs 110**)

Out of this GLA crime spike we have identified (15) commands responsible for approximately (44%) of our total GLA

- (10) PBBX -**40,42,43,44,45,47,48,49,50,52** responsible for **30.6%**
 - Bronx is responsible for **34.5%** out of the city
 - The Bronx has an increase of **35%** as a borough
 - These commands are responsible for **30.6%**
- (4) PBQN -**104,109,110,114** (% Responsible)
 - PBQN is responsible for **15.7%** citywide GLA
 - These commands are responsible for **10.2%**
 - PBQN shows an increase of **48.4%** In GLA

In order to focus our efforts to combating this crime we fully intend to incorporate some of our best resources utilizing a multi-prong approach.

- Dedicated personnel (2-4-40) will be allocated to the new borough wide initiatives concentrated in both
 - The Bronx (1-2-20)
 - Queens North (1-2-20)
- Additional license plate readers (electronic reader with cameras equipped to read all license plates to ascertain if the vehicle is stolen, wanted or has a transmitted alarm for other purposes of investigation.

- In order to enhance our investigative efforts and to combat this crime we are adding additional personnel to our historical auto crime unit. That allocation will be upwards of **25% (10 investigators)** or **50%** if we allocate **(20 investigators)**
- Additional unmarked cars will be utilized to conduct active street investigations and to blend into neighborhood dynamics more closely.
- Field intelligence officers will be assigned to each of these borough units to better streamline information and intelligence to our outgoing units. (At least 2 per borough)

Educational component & crime prevention measures

- Apple Airtag handouts
- The club for certain vehicles
- Regular social media feeds to lock your cars, not leave them running, do not leave key fob inside your vehicle.
- Robo calls from the mayor and pc
- Flyers place on windshield and doors in the most affected zip codes
- Proactive outreach in partnership with nys dmv to owners of specific vehicle makes/models that are being targeted (i.E., Kias and hyundais)

Top 5 vehicles

- Honda **18.3%**
- Mopeds/motorcycles **12.8%**
- Hyundai **11.4%**
- Ford **7.9%**
- Kia **7.3%**

We will also have electronic mobile billboard truck displays in some of our more problematic locations.

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