

Car Thefts on Campus

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Campus Community:

Over the last 24 hours we have seen an unprecedented increase in the theft and attempted theft of cars on campus. Since 7 p.m. yesterday, three vehicle break-ins/attempted thefts have been reported and two vehicles were stolen. The incidents occurred at the Langston and the South Garage. The two stolen cars have been recovered.

All five of the cars involved were Kia or Hyundai models. There has been a nationwide increase in the theft of cars from these two automakers sparked by a social media trend. If you own one of these vehicles, you may want to consider using a steering wheel club as an additional security measure.

We are increasing patrols of CSU parking lots and garages. You can help by not leaving visible property inside your car, making sure your windows are rolled up all the way, and locking your vehicle.

If you see something or someone suspicious, or you witness a crime, call CSU Police immediately by dialing 9-1-1 (ask for CSU Police), or 216-687-2020. You can also contact CSU Police by using the RAVE Guardian App. Be prepared to give the Police Dispatcher a detailed description of the incident or person(s) involved.

Please always remember to:

- Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings.
- Walk with confidence and purpose.
- Use well-lit public walkways.
- Walk with a friend.
- Avoid texting or displaying a smart phone while traveling.
- Use the CSU escort service by calling (216) 687-2020.
- Download the free Rave Guardian safety app for your iPhone or Android phone.

If you become a victim of a crime, on or near campus, contact CSUPD right away. They will respond and/or connect you with additional help including on campus support like CARE.