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WESTMINSTER POLICE SEEK THE PUBLIC'S ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING SUSPECTS

During the overnight hours of Sunday, August 12, 2018, a series of thefts occurred from unlocked vehicles in the Uniontown Road area in Westminster. A total of 6 vehicles were entered. One vehicle was stolen using a valet key found in the vehicle. That vehicle has been recovered unoccupied and abandoned in Baltimore City.

A resident on Rich Mar Court returned home at approximately 2:15 a.m. on August 13th and observed two suspects inside a vehicle belonging to a family member which was parked in front of their residence. As he approached, the suspects fled on foot from the vehicle and ran through the backyard of the residence. The suspects are described as follows:

Suspect #1 African-American male, approximately 19 years of age, 5'10" tall with an average build and wearing a red shirt.

Suspect #2 African-American male, approximately 19 years of age, 5'10" tall with an average build, tight curly black hair and wearing a purple shirt.

According to the witness, **Suspect #2 displayed what appeared to be a handgun and pointed it at the witness' vehicle as he fled.** No shots were fired and there were no injuries.

The Westminster Police Department is requesting the public's assistance in identifying the individuals involved in these cases. A \$500 reward has been offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible. The public is asked to promptly report any suspicious activities in this area, no matter how minor, particularly during the early morning hours. Additionally, all citizens are encouraged to practice effective crime prevention strategies to minimize the potential of being victimized, including:

- Locking their vehicles and their homes;
- Securing their valuables out of sight and under lock and key; and
- Utilizing exterior lighting around their homes at night.

The Police Department provides residential security surveys at no cost to Westminster residents who seek guidance as to how to better protect their home and vehicles from the risk of theft or burglary.

Anyone with information relating to these cases is requested to contact **Detective Sergeant Richard Lambert** of the Westminster Police Department at **(410) 848-4646**. Information may be provided anonymously by contacting the **TIPS line** at **(410) 857-8477** or by **text** to **847411**, keyword **TIPWPD**.

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