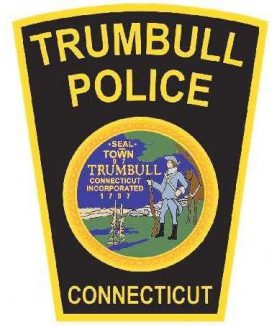


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CAR THIEVES ENTER HOME TO TAKE PURSE FROM TRUMBULL RESIDENT

Three young male suspects in a stolen vehicle entered a resident's home via an unlocked door on Garden Street early morning, last week and stole a handbag containing credit cards. The cards were then used to make fraudulent purchases in several stores in Stratford and Farmington.

On April 4, 2017 at about 7:00 a.m., a resident heard a side door of her home door open and close. The resident thought that it was a family member but when she went to check, she saw an SUV and a four-door sedan driving away. A short time later, the resident began to receive notifications from her credit card company that one of her cards had been used several times. The woman then checked her home and realized her purse had been stolen.

Trumbull Detectives later retrieved video surveillance from several businesses revealing three suspects using the woman's card. (*see attached still captures*) The suspects were also seen leaving a store in the same SUV and sedan. The SUV was determined to have been stolen from a driveway in Easton earlier that morning, where it was left unlocked, with keys inside.

There have been numerous overnight burglaries and thefts of vehicles throughout the state recently and this burglary appears to be linked to similar incidents where the suspects travel to a neighborhood and take advantage of unlocked cars and keys left inside.

Trumbull Police would like to remind all residents not leave keys in parked vehicles, to lock their homes and their vehicles, and to report any suspicious persons or activities the Trumbull Police Department at 203-261-3665, or 911.

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