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Incident: Thieves Targeting Garage Door Openers

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On Sunday, January 8 at 9:45 am an 81 year old Abbotsford woman drove to church and parked her vehicle. When she returned to her car after the service she found her passenger door pried and her garage door opener was missing from the visor. Her day was made worse when she arrived home and found her home had been ransacked with many of her valuables missing. The thieves likely identified her address by the insurance documents they also located in her car.

Yesterday at 11:00 am, a 20 year old man went to the underground parking lot of his condominium complex to retrieve his car and make his way to work. His plans were delayed by the fact the passenger window to the vehicle was smashed and the garage door opener to the underground lot was taken.

At 4:45 pm a 19 year old man attended his vehicle in the same underground parking lot. He discovered that someone had broken into his car and stolen his stereo and snowboarding equipment.

The Abbotsford Police Department would like to remind people not to leave valuables in their vehicles. Your garage door opener is equivalent to a key to your home. It is not only a valuable in and of itself; it can easily lead to many more of your valuables (and maybe your neighbour's valuables too).

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