



MEDIA RELEASE



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Cars Being Stolen from Car Washes

On Monday, February 13th, at approximately 1:00 pm, a four-door blue BMW with a temporary paper registration and black tinted windows; drove up to Diamond Car Wash located at 324 Halstead Ave., Mamaroneck, NY. A passenger wearing all black, gloves, a mask, and a hood jumped out of the car and immediately jumped in and stole a gray BMW X5, which was just washed. Patrol officers observed the vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed, and attempted to stop it, but the vehicle fled the scene. That vehicle was recovered in the evening in Queens, NY by our Detectives and returned to the owner.

At 9:00 pm, a similar incident happened in the Village of Pelham Manor, we do not have all the details regarding that case, since it did not happen in Mamaroneck, but the pattern was very similar to our earlier incident that day.

On Tuesday, February 14th, at approximately 3:45 pm, a gray BMW was stolen from the Dip In Car Wash located at 712 Mamaroneck Ave., Mamaroneck, NY. Similar to the first incident, the perpetrators drove up to the car wash and a person immediately exits the car and steals the gray BMW, leaving at a high rate of speed.

The Village of Mamaroneck Police Department is investigating the two incidents in the Village and is asking the community to be on alert when visiting any car wash business. We have posted the incidents on our social media PBA pages (Facebook and Instagram) and on our Nixle account. We have also reached out to the managers/owners of our local car wash businesses and have suggested the following:

- After a car is washed, pull the car to a safe place and turn off the car
- Look for the owner and collect a receipt of payment from the customer
- Give the keys to the owner, while the car is being dried and detailed

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