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Annual Report



Auto Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) 2015 Annual Report

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To the Governor and Honorable Members of the Michigan Legislature:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the Michigan Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA), it is a pleasure to present the 2015 Annual Report, which shows motor vehicle thefts declined by 11.5 percent in 2014 and 56.9 percent over the last ten years.

The ATPA's success in the battle against motor vehicle theft is the direct result of the dedication and efforts by men and women who are a part of law enforcement teams, prosecutors' offices, and non-profit organizations funded through the ATPA. These highly-motivated individuals often go above and beyond the call of duty to recover stolen vehicles and arrest those responsible. As you read the success stories contained in this report, you will find many instances where grantees worked collaboratively to solve crimes.

Some highlights of the report are as follows:

- Michigan motorists are saving \$69 per insured vehicle as a result of lower thefts.
- In fiscal year (FY) 2015, the ATPA teams conducted 2,012 arrests and were involved in the recovery of 5,350 vehicles or parts, with an estimated value of \$41 million.
- Since its inception in 1986, the ATPA has reported a total of 66,485 arrests and recovered 97,062 vehicles or parts worth an estimated \$825 million.
- In FY 2015, the return on investment of the ATPA funds was \$6.76 for every \$1 spent.

In 2015, 15 teams (consisting of 35 law enforcement agencies), four prosecutors' offices, and four non-profit organizations received ATPA grant funding. These agencies continue to make motor vehicle theft prevention a high priority. Without the steadfast commitment of local, county, and state participants in this program, the ATPA would not be successful in reducing motor vehicle thefts throughout the state of Michigan. Thank you to these agencies for their continued commitment to auto theft prevention.

Sincerely,


DIRECTOR

HISTORY AND OVERVIEW

WHAT IS THE AUTO THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY?

In the mid-1980s, Michigan had the highest motor vehicle theft rate in the nation. Members of the Michigan Anti-Car Theft (ACT) Campaign Committee developed a concept that would combine the efforts of law enforcement, communities, and businesses against motor vehicle theft.

In 1986, Michigan's Governor and the Legislature decided to try the ACT committee's idea. So began one of Michigan's most effective weapons against the crime of motor vehicle theft, the ATPA.

The ATPA was established with a sunset provision that automatically abolished the program unless it was renewed by the Legislature. The purpose of the sunset was to ensure that the program, created as an experiment in law enforcement, was doing its job as intended.

In 1992, the Legislature and Governor agreed the ATPA should become a permanent state authority, housed under the auspices of the Michigan State Police (MSP). The legislation was overwhelmingly passed in both the House and Senate.

HOW IT WORKS:

The ATPA is funded by an annual \$1 assessment on each insured motor vehicle, plus interest earned by investing those funds.

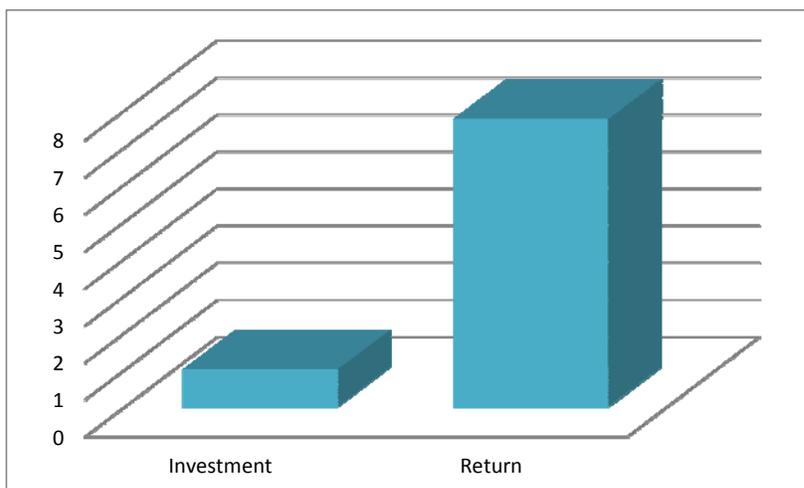
It is governed by a seven-member board of directors appointed by the Governor, which includes representatives of law enforcement, automobile insurers, and consumers of motor vehicle insurance. The board is chaired by the Director of the Michigan State Police.

Each state fiscal year, the board awards grants to law enforcement agencies, prosecutors' offices, and neighborhood organizations. These grant programs provide four main functions: investigation, apprehension, prosecution, and prevention.

Finally, the ATPA board members and staff are involved in long-range planning. Regular meetings provide updated goals and objectives for fighting motor vehicle theft.

IMPACT ON MOTORISTS:

According to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, in 2014, Michigan motorists saved \$69 per insured motor vehicle as a result of lower motor vehicle thefts, and the return on investment of ATPA funds was \$6.76 for every \$1 spent.



**AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Michigan State Police
Schedule of Sources and Disposition of Authorizations and Changes in Balances
Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2015

SOURCES

Insurance Company Assessments	\$6,292,431
Interest on Investments	\$4,291
Offsets of Revenue-Civil Service Assessment	(\$2,100)
	\$6,294,622

DISPOSITION

Automobile Theft Prevention Grants	\$6,178,773
Office Operations	\$575,802
	\$6,754,575
Excess of Sources Over (Under) Disposition	(\$459,953)
Beginning Balances	\$1,852,587

TOTAL UNEXPENDED AND UNRESTRICTED BALANCES	\$1,392,634
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Note 1: a. Reporting Entity

The above financial schedule reports the results of the financial transactions of the ATPA, for FY 2015. The ATPA's operations are accounted for in the state's general fund and are reported in the Michigan Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The Michigan Comprehensive Annual Financial Report provides general disclosures regarding: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies; Budgeting and Budgetary Control; State Treasurer's Common Cash; Pension Benefits; Compensated Absences; General Long-Term Obligations; Contingencies; and, Other Commitments.

b. Basis of Accounting

The above financial schedule is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, as explained in more detail in the Michigan Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The above financial schedule includes only the sources and disposition of authorizations and the changes in balances for the ATPA's general fund accounts. Accordingly, the financial schedule is not intended to constitute a complete financial presentation of either the ATPA or the general fund, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Note 2: Matching Percent

The ATPA Board of Directors increased the matching fund requirement from 40 percent to 50 percent on October 1, 2009, where it remains.

ATPA GRANTEES

The following law enforcement teams, prosecutors' offices, and non-profit organizations were funded by the ATPA in FY 2015.

Combined Auto Theft Team (C.A.T.T.)

Grand Rapids Police Department*
Kentwood Police Department
Wyoming Police Department

Communities Opting to Beat Rising Auto Theft (C.O.B.R.A.)

Ecorse Police Department
Hamtramck Police Department*
Highland Park Police Department

Dearborn Auto Theft Unit

Dearborn Police Department*

Detroit Fire Department - Arson Section

Detroit Fire Department*

Eastside Arresting Car Thieves In Our Neighborhoods (A.C.T.I.O.N.)

Detroit Police Department
Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety*
Harper Woods Police Department
Highland Park Police Department

Genesee Auto Theft Investigation Network (G.A.I.N.)

Flint Police Department
Flint Township Police Department
Genesee County Parks Department
Genesee County Sheriff's Office*
Mundy Township Police Department

Macomb Auto Theft Squad (M.A.T.S.)

Clinton Township Police Department
Macomb County Sheriff's Office*
St. Clair Shores Police Department
Sterling Heights Police Department
Warren Police Department

Oakland County Auto Theft Unit (O.C.A.T.)

Detroit Police Department
Farmington Hills Police Department
Hazel Park Police Department
Oakland County Sheriff's Office*
Waterford Township Police Department

Operation Auto Recovery Team Ingham County (A.R.T.I.C.)

Lansing Police Department*

Preventing Auto Theft (P.A.T.)

Detroit Police Department*
Oakland County Sheriff's Office
Wayne State University Police Department

Saginaw County Auto Theft Team (S.C.A.T.T.)

Saginaw Police Department*
Saginaw Township Police Department

South East Auto Theft Team (S.E.A.T.T.)

Detroit Police Department
Michigan State Police*
Redford Township Police Department

Southfield Auto Theft Prevention Squad

Southfield Police Department*

Southwest Commercial Auto Recovery (S.C.A.R.)

Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office
Michigan State Police*
VanBuren County Sheriff's Office

Washtenaw Area Auto Theft Team (W.A.A.T.T.)

Michigan State Police*
Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office

Prosecutor's Offices

Genesee County Prosecutor's Office
Macomb County Prosecutor's Office
Saginaw County Prosecutor's Office
Wayne County Prosecutor's Office

Non-Profit Organizations

Bethune Community Council
Michigan Auto Vehicle Theft Investigators (M.A.V.T.I.)
Michigan Department of State
West Grand Neighborhood Organization

*Lead agency for the team.

ATPA GRANT PERFORMANCE

As Reported for the Period of October 1, 2014 - September 30, 2015 (FY 2015)

LAW ENFORCEMENT	ATPA Grant Award	VALUE	RECOVERIES			ARRESTS	
		Vehicles and Equipment Recovered	Passenger Vehicle	Other Vehicle	Parts Incidents	Motor Vehicle Thefts	Fraud
C.A.T.T.	\$ 385,884	\$ 1,625,900	142	8	5	322	13
C.O.B.R.A.	\$ 180,770	\$ 2,354,294	262	19	1,019	22	7
Dearborn Auto Theft Unit	\$ 136,328	\$ 1,725,000	57	11	3	67	3
Detroit Fire Department - Arson Section	\$ 79,546	\$ 2,092,000	299	0	0	33	0
A.C.T.I.O.N.	\$ 426,174	\$ 4,965,334	415	8	5	163	3
G.A.I.N.	\$ 342,691	\$ 3,447,700	320	19	0	60	1
M.A.T.S.	\$ 626,309	\$ 1,454,094	114	9	3	164	34
O.C.A.T.	\$ 827,048	\$ 3,182,073	316	48	1	264	5
Operation A.R.T.I.C.	\$ 81,216	\$ 1,232,287	193	0	0	64	0
P.A.T.	\$ 1,662,801	\$ 12,468,855	1,679	25	9	522	0
S.C.A.T.T.	\$ 123,448	\$ 354,209	30	5	0	32	0
S.E.A.T.T.	\$ 548,636	\$ 3,790,164	180	8	7	68	41
Southfield Auto Theft Prevention Squad	\$ 139,813	\$ 770,068	40	1	8	71	0
S.C.A.R.	\$ 358,207	\$ 1,237,523	28	26	10	42	1
W.A.A.T.T.	\$ 186,181	\$ 600,000	14	2	2	10	0
SUBTOTAL	\$ 6,105,052	\$ 41,299,501	4,089	189	1,072	1,904	108
PROSECUTORS	ATPA Grant Award	Vehicle Theft Cases	Exams Held	Exams Waived	Pre-Trial Guilty Pleas	Trials	Trial Convictions
Genesee County Prosecutor's Office	\$ 98,009	41	4	22	44	0	0
Macomb County Prosecutor's Office	\$ 80,368	154	15	93	103	2	1
Saginaw County Prosecutor's Office	\$ 69,954	66	11	45	39	2	2
Wayne County Prosecutor's Office	\$ 582,831	1,924	267	1,137	987	57	42
SUBTOTAL	\$ 831,162	2,185	297	1,297	1,173	61	45
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	ATPA Grant Award	Vehicles Etched	Training Meetings	Title History	Technical Assistance	Officers Trained	
Bethune Community Council	\$ 16,616	203	39	N/A	N/A	N/A	
M.A.V.T.I.	\$ 50,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	28	602	
Michigan Department of State	\$ 85,093	N/A	N/A	2,048	N/A	N/A	
West Grand Neighborhood Organization	\$ 39,827	663	25	N/A	N/A	N/A	
SUBTOTAL	\$ 191,536	866	64	2,048	28	602	
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 7,127,750						

Law enforcement and prosecutors' offices have a required 50 percent local cash match. Non-profit organizations are exempt from this requirement.

Motor Vehicle Theft Data

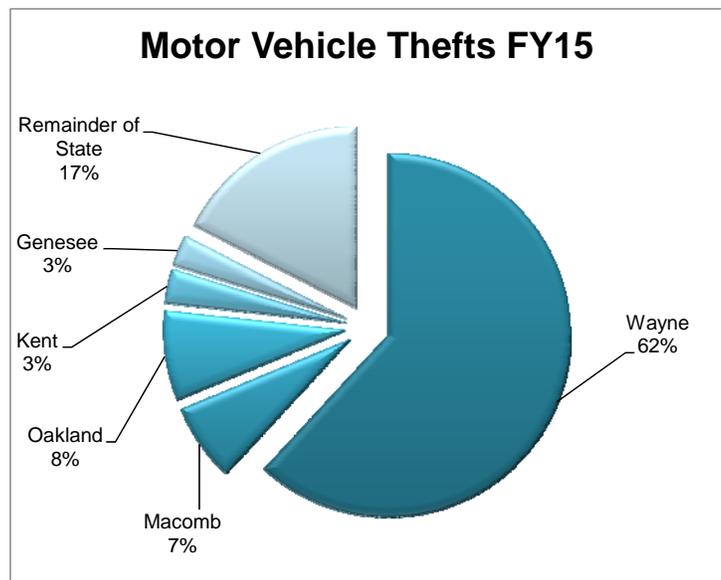
The following table provides data indicating that from 2004 to 2014, Michigan thefts* have declined 56.9%, Detroit thefts* have declined 50.8%, and national thefts** have declined by 44.3%.						
Year	Michigan	% Change	Detroit	% Change	National	% Change
2004	49,982	N/A	24,573	N/A	1,237,114	N/A
2005	48,064	-3.8	21,439	-12.8	1,235,226	-0.2
2006	49,709	3.4	22,918	6.9	1,192,809	-3.4
2007	41,510	-16.5	19,655	-14.2	1,095,769	-8.1
2008	35,467	-14.6	16,117	-18.0	956,846	-12.7
2009	29,647	-16.4	13,252	-17.8	794,616	-17.0
2010	26,875	-9.4	12,563	-5.2	737,142	-7.2
2011	25,048	-6.8	11,238	-10.5	715,373	-3.0
2012	24,973	-0.3	11,504	2.4	721,053	0.8
2013	24,369	-2.4	11,990	4.2	699,594	-3.0
2014	21,557	-11.5	12,100	0.9	689,527	-1.4
% Change		-56.9		-50.8		-44.3

*Most recent data available at time of publication, Michigan Incident Crime Reporting (MICR).

**Most recent data available at time of publication, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

County	Motor Vehicle Thefts FY15*
Wayne	13,090
Macomb	1,457
Oakland	1,684
Kent	645
Genesee	584
Remainder of the State	3,697
Total Motor Vehicle Thefts	21,157

*Most recent data available at time of publication, MICR.



P.A.T., Detroit

On September 25, 2015, at a gas station in Detroit, a victim was carjacked. During the incident, the victim was shot several times.

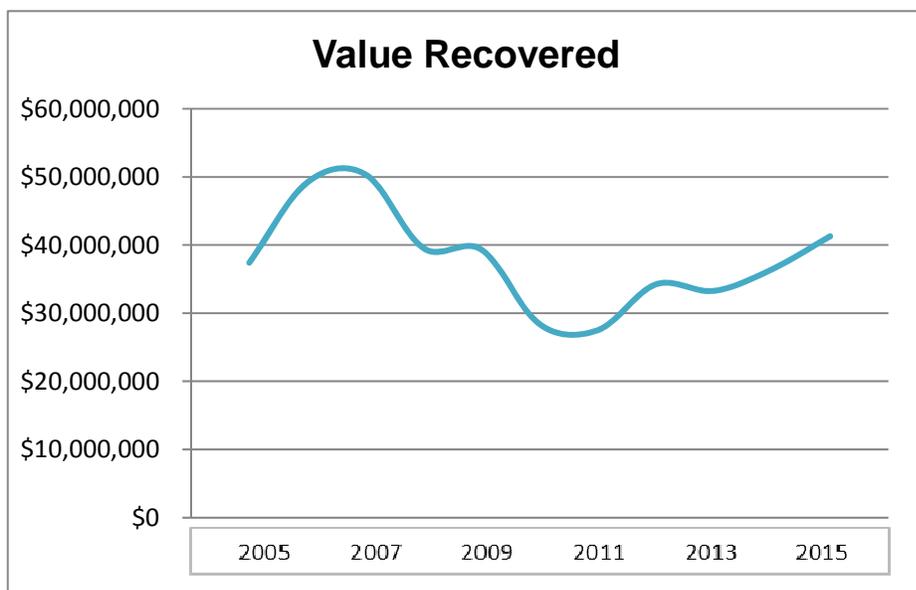
The P.A.T. team was assigned the case and initiated an investigation. An extensive surveillance and arrest operation was conducted. Investigators were able to connect the suspects to several other carjackings that had occurred in the same area.

In all, P.A.T. investigators identified five cases in which the suspects were positively identified as the persons who committed the carjackings, and the shooting. Due to the amount, nature, and violence used during the commission of these crimes, the cases were prosecuted federally through partnerships with the FBI. The suspects were indicted on all five cases.

ATPA Teams Motor Vehicle Theft Data

Year	Value Recovered*
2005	\$37,420,835
2006	\$49,220,230
2007	\$50,391,560
2008	\$39,541,465
2009	\$39,316,557
2010	\$28,370,280
2011	\$27,508,471
2012	\$34,246,620
2013	\$33,278,814
2014	\$36,444,712
2015	\$41,299,501
Totals	\$417,039,045

*Most recent data available at time of publication.



C.A.T.T., Grand Rapids

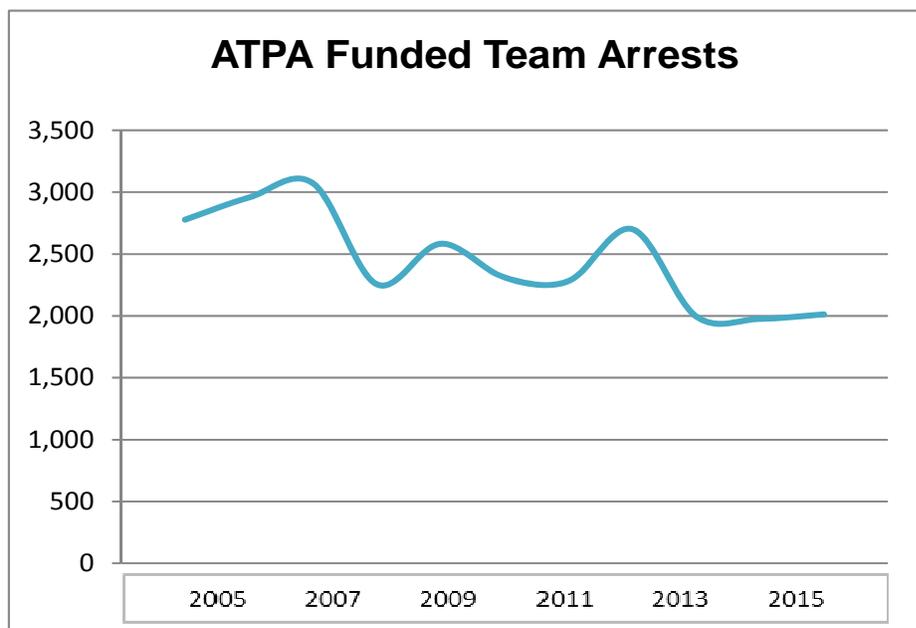
Members from C.A.T.T. conducted a forensic examination on a burned vehicle that had been submitted for an insurance claim. During this process, they located mismatched vehicle identification numbers, confirming the vehicle was the product of a chop shop. Working with insurance investigators, they were able to determine the cause and origin of the fire to be evidence destruction.

Reasons vehicles are set on fire often include: attempting to get out of a lease, owing more on the vehicle than the vehicle is worth, destroying evidence of a stolen vehicle, and attempting to collect insurance money or committing insurance fraud.



Year	ATPA Funded Team Arrests*
2005	2,778
2006	2,957
2007	3,073
2008	2,256
2009	2,583
2010	2,311
2011	2,281
2012	2,701
2013	1,996
2014	1,976
2015	2,012
Totals	26,924

*Most recent data available at time of publication.



Top Ten States for Motor Vehicle Theft

	State	Number of Motor Vehicles Stolen in 2014*
1	California	151,852
2	Texas	68,546
3	Florida	42,579
4	Washington	30,647
5	Georgia	26,854
6	Michigan	21,157
7	Ohio	18,015
8	Arizona	17,587
9	Illinois	17,451
10	Missouri	16,357

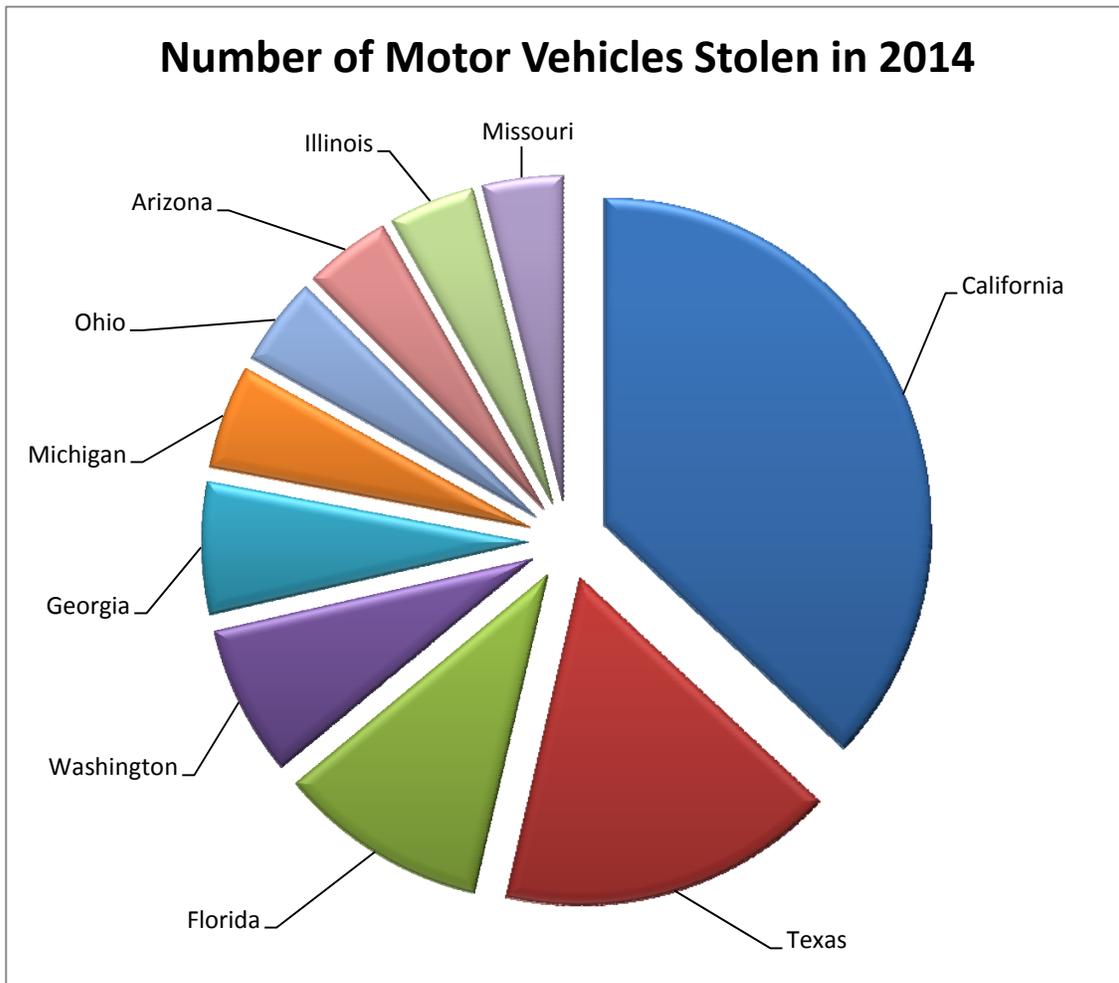
*Most recent data available at time of publication, FBI.

G.A.I.N., Genesee County

G.A.I.N. recently used Carfax to track down the locations of 26 vehicles. The vehicles were brought into Michigan from Canada and sold without paying the Canadian car dealer.

The Canadian car dealer was given a fraudulent check to purchase the vehicles and by the time the dealer realized they were not going to get paid, the vehicles were already sold through auctions across the state of Michigan.

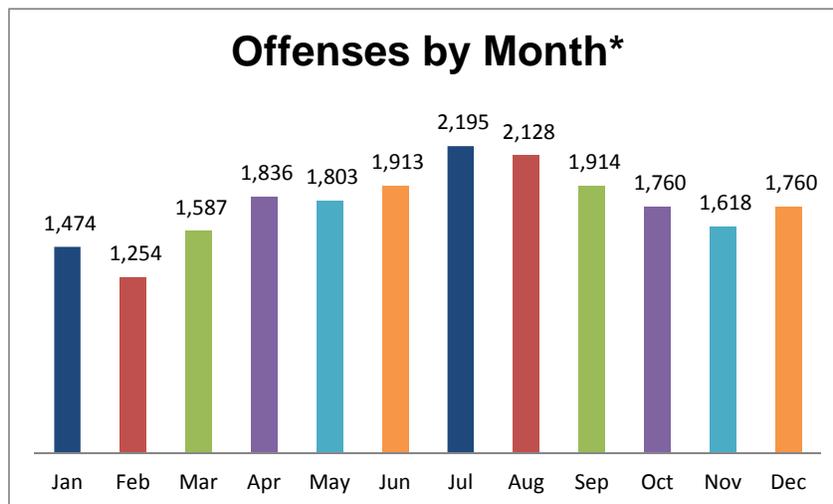
The multitude of Carfax investigative tools is helping G.A.I.N. and other motor vehicle theft investigators across the country solve all types of cases involving motor vehicles.



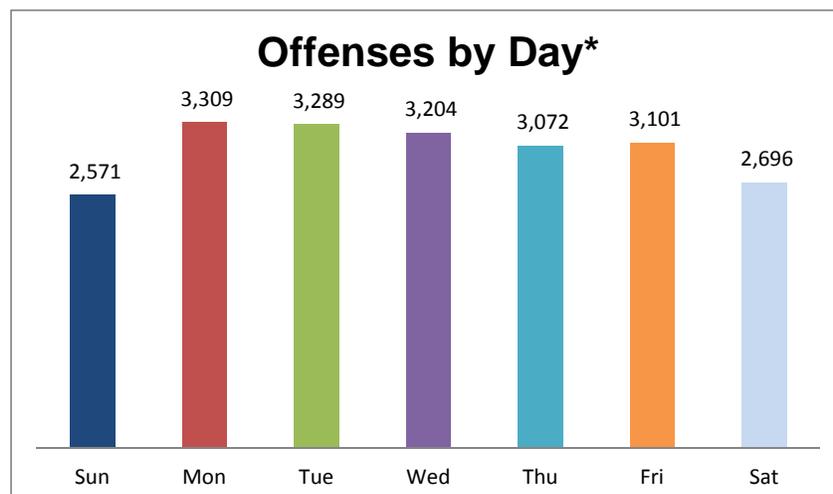
Top Ten Most Stolen Vehicles in 2014

	United States*	Michigan*
1.	1996 Honda Accord	2007 Chevrolet Pickup
2.	1998 Honda Civic	2004 Chevrolet Impala
3.	2006 Ford Pickup	2002 Dodge Caravan
4.	1999 Chevrolet Pickup	2014 Ford Fusion
5.	1991 Toyota Camry	2004 GMC Pickup
6.	2004 Dodge Pickup	2014 Ford Taurus
7.	2000 Dodge Caravan	2006 Ford Pickup
8.	2013 Nissan Altima	2000 Jeep Cherokee/Grand Cherokee
9.	1994 Acura Integra	2013 Chevrolet Malibu
10.	1996 Nissan Maxima	2014 Dodge Charger

*Most recent data available at time of publication, National Insurance Crime Bureau.



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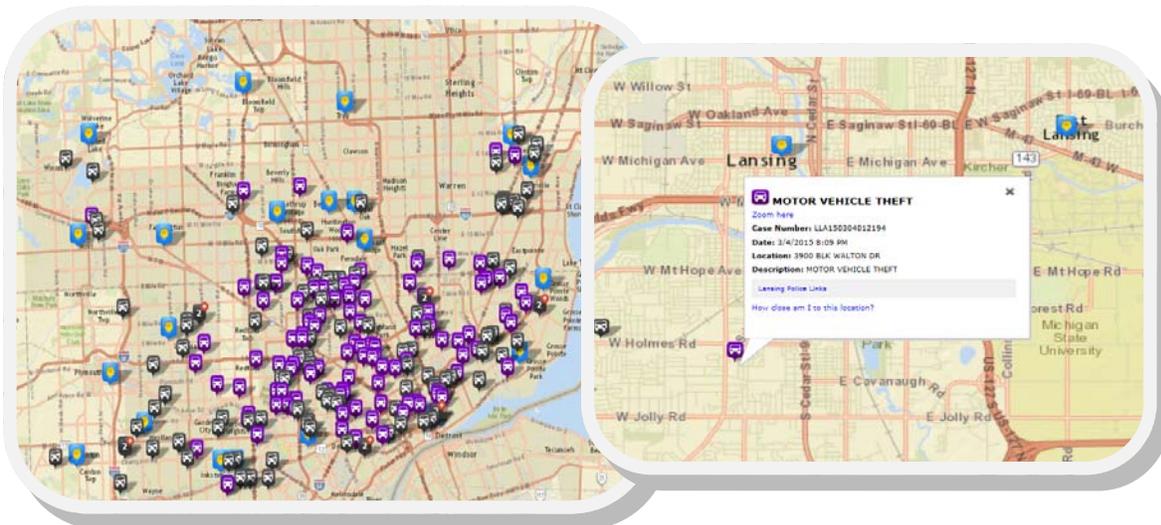


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Innovations in Motor Vehicle Theft Investigations

The ATPA funded law enforcement teams use several tools to investigate motor vehicle theft. Those tools often include crime mapping, license plate readers (LPR's), and LoJack® systems.

The technology of mapping has emerged as a great tool with many applications, and has made a major contribution to both crime analysis and problem-solving efforts. The display of information is an important function. Maps offer an effective and powerful instrument for the analysis of the data collected by motor vehicle theft teams.



LPR's utilize algorithms in order to identify a license plate, take a clear image, translate its characters, and identify the state that issued the plate. Law enforcement agencies across the country are using LPR's to identify persons or vehicles whose license plates are connected to a crime. Cameras, mounted to police vehicles or stationary structures (such as gates or bridges), automatically take photos of license plates at the rate of hundreds per minute.

If a license plate that was read matches an entry in a database as being stolen or connected in some other way to a crime, the LPR will alert an officer or command center that a suspect vehicle is in the immediate area of that system.



When a vehicle equipped with a LoJack® system is stolen, the vehicle's owner alerts law enforcement. Once officers record the theft in the national stolen vehicle database, a silent signal is automatically sent out that activates the LoJack® system's transceiver hidden in the stolen vehicle. A law enforcement officer then tracks the vehicle using computers that are installed in law enforcement vehicles, helicopters, and planes. This aids law enforcement with locating the vehicle, often apprehending the thieves and recovering additional stolen vehicles in the process.

These technologies, along with many others, assist law enforcement with daily motor vehicle theft investigations. As thieves change their tactics, investigators change their techniques.

ATPA Success Stories

On August 15, 2015, a 1972 Chevrolet Camaro, owned by the Papa John's Pizza Corporation and used for promotional purposes during the Woodward Dream Cruise, was stolen while being stored in a trailer in Detroit. The P.A.T. team was assigned the investigation and recovered the vehicle intact within a couple of hours with the assistance of tips that were generated through the Help Eliminate Auto Theft (H.E.A.T.®) tip line. H.E.A.T.® coordinates citizen action with law enforcement agencies through a confidential toll-free tip line.



During the investigation, suspects were identified through fingerprint analysis, and ultimately, several search warrants were executed. Recovered were additional stolen vehicles, retagged vehicles, and parts. Additionally, investigators were also able to link the theft of a 1966 Chevrolet Chevelle which was stolen during the Dream Cruise. A multi-count felony warrant was submitted and approved by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, charging multiple individuals with several crimes including: operating a chop shop, possession of stolen motor vehicle, and receiving and concealing stolen property.



A stolen title from Georgia was submitted to the state of Montana for a title transfer on a 2014 Ferrari 458. The address listed for the owner on the transfer application was Grandville, Michigan. Investigation into that address by S.C.A.R. showed that it was a business named "Mail Forwarding." While the investigation continued, the car was discovered in a shipping container being loaded onto a cargo ship destined for another country.

The vehicle had been altered and, once identified, was found to belong to a rental agency in Florida that specializes in high-end vehicles. The vehicle had been rented using false identification and a cloned credit card. According to Department of Homeland Security agents, this is an ongoing scheme along much of the east coast.

The 2015 winner of H.E.A.T.'s® highest honor, the William V. Liddane Award, is presented annually to the person who best embodies a strong commitment and effort to reducing motor vehicle theft-related crimes in Michigan. This year it was presented to Michigan State Police D/Lt. Ray Collins of S.E.A.T.T.

D/Lieutenant Collins was selected for the award due to his continued leadership, professionalism, and positive impact on communities affected by motor vehicle theft.



Lock It or Lose It

The ATPA implemented the Lock It or Lose It campaign and asked for participation and support from funded teams in promoting the effort. The Lock It or Lose It campaign reinforces the importance of locking doors and preventing motor vehicle theft.

Law enforcement agencies statewide were provided brochures for distribution and encouraged to publicize their involvement in this campaign. The ATPA also sent brochures to ATPA funded prosecutors' offices, non-profit organizations, and Michigan Welcome Centers for distribution. The ATPA hopes this important effort helps to continue the reduction of motor vehicle theft.

LOCK IT OR LOSE IT



REMOVE Your Valuables
LOCK Your Vehicle

In the United States,
a motor vehicle is stolen
every 44 seconds.

Nearly half of vehicle theft is the result of driver error such as leaving a key in the ignition or a door unlocked. An unlocked door or open window is an easy target for thieves.

The estimated total value of vehicles stolen nationwide each year exceeds \$4.3 billion.

Only half of vehicles reported stolen are recovered.

This message is brought to you by the
Michigan Auto Theft Prevention Authority.

Learn more at www.michigan.gov/ATPA.



LOCK IT OR LOSE IT

Tips for keeping your vehicle and valuables safe:

Always close windows, lock doors and
take the key with you.

Never leave your vehicle unattended while running.

Park in a garage, if available. Lock both the car and garage.

Don't leave your car keys unattended,
especially in an easily accessible area.

Keep vehicle registration and proof of insurance on you;
don't leave these documents in your glove compartment.

Always park in well-lit areas.

Never leave valuables or packages in your vehicle,
especially where they can be seen.
Put them in the trunk, if necessary.

Report suspicious activity to law enforcement.



