

## BRAINTREE AND DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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#### SUFFOLK POLICE WARNING

Suffolk Police are warning social media users to be vigilant when buying and selling items online.

The advice comes after police were called following an incident in Mildenhall where a car was reportedly damaged by two unknown men posing as potential buyers.

At some point between **17:00hrs/18:00hrs on Saturday 17 August**, the suspects attended a residence in the vicinity of College Heath Road claiming to be interested in a car that had been posted as for sale online.

While the victim was distracted in conversation with one of the men, the other poured what is believed to be oil in the coolant tank and an unknown substance in the exhaust. The vehicle was then taken out for a test drive by the suspects and the exhaust started to smoke, leading them to offer a considerably discounted price for the car which the owner declined. It was reported the suspects then suggested the victim pay them for wasting their time, which was again declined. The men left empty handed.

**The first suspect is described as being of tanned complexion, in his late 30s, approximately 5ft 9ins tall and of stocky build. He is described as being bald and was wearing a white T-shirt.**

**The second suspect is described as being of tanned complexion, in his mid-20s, approximately 6ftins tall and of slim build. He had black, short hair and was wearing jeans with a blue top.**

Police are advising those who use online selling sites to exercise caution, particularly in circumstances where payment has not been made in advance. Sellers are advised to review a buyer's profile to check their history and that they have genuine details. **If you have any suspicions or concerns about the person you are dealing with, walk away. If you believe you have been targeted in similar circumstances or think you may know who is committing crime in this way, please contact the Incident and Crime Management Hub at Suffolk Police Phone 101 quoting reference 37/49725/19 or Crimestoppers – Contact the independent charity Crimestoppers 100% anonymously on 0800 555 111.**

#### THEFT OF DEFIBRILLATOR

GREAT MAPLESTEAD Luckings Street

**Between August 16<sup>th</sup>. 11:00hrs and August 21<sup>st</sup> 11:00hrs.**

Suspect unknown stole the Defibrillator from outside wall of the village hall were it had been affixed in its storage case

#### DWELLING HOUSE BURGLARIES.

BRAINTREE

Upper Howe Street

**August 20<sup>th</sup> between 10:00hrs and 15:16hrs.**

Suspect unknown gained entry to home via front door and window and stole victim's engagement ring.

Longleaf Drive

**August 18<sup>th</sup> between 08:45hrs and 09:29hrs.**

Suspect unidentified entered property under false pretences of being a carer. Once inside suspect removed money from victims' wallet.

***PLEASE can those who live in Braintree District ask their local Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator or this newsletter for a Nominated Neighbour Card as this can prevent vulnerable people ( whatever their age) opening the door to those they do not know or expect at anytime.!***

HALSTEAD Conies Road

**August 17<sup>th</sup> between 13:45hrs and 21:13hrs.**

Suspect unknown gained access to property via kitchen window and removed items.

RIDGEWELL Colne Springs

**August 20<sup>th</sup> between 00:00hrs and 15:03hrs.**

Suspect unknown forced entry by smashing the glass rear patio door -unknown what has been taken to date.

#### THEFT FROM PERSON

WITHAM Braintree Road

**August 20<sup>th</sup> between 13:00ghrsadn 14:57HRS.**

Suspect unknown removed victim's purse containing two bank v cards and £20 cash from her handbag.

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#### SHED/WORKSHOP BURGLARIES

TILBURY JUXTA CLARE Belchamp Road

Between August 17<sup>th</sup> 16:30hrs and August 18<sup>th</sup> 11:11hrs.

Suspect unknown forced Hasp on shed and stole various tools.

CAVENDISH Pentlow lane

August 18<sup>th</sup> between 09:20hrs and 10:14hrs.

Suspect unknown broke into workshop by forcing the lock and stole property

#### THEFT OF DOMESTIC OIL

ASSINGTON The Street

Between August 16<sup>th</sup> 00:01hrs and August 18<sup>th</sup> 07:18hrs.

Suspect unknown removed heating oil from a tank by syphoning

#### THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

WITHAM

Barleyfields

August 17<sup>th</sup> between 08:05hrs and 12:22hrs.

Suspect unknown removed vehicle from driveway  
Bridge Street

August 16<sup>th</sup> between 16:00hrs and 16:15hrs.

Suspect unknown stole blue Honda CBR600 Motor cycle

GREAT BARDFIELD Bridge Street

Between August 18<sup>th</sup> 18:00hrs and August 19<sup>th</sup> 14:00hrs.

Suspect unknown removed red Mini Cooper

#### ESSEX SUFFOLK AND NORFOLK POLICE MESSAGE

Please in these hot days always lock your doors and windows when you leave the home.

It is also best to check thoroughly all windows and doors at the end of the evening too.

##### ADVICE ON HOW TO SECURE UPVC DOORS.

There have been dwelling house burglaries due to Upvc doors not being locked properly. Some offences have occurred overnight and the method the suspect(s) are using is 'popping' UPVC doors which have not been double locked. It is essential that if you have a UPVC door that you double lock it. Your UPVC door will be vulnerable if it is just shut not double locked.



EDITORS NOTE : Please note that if anyone has any information regarding any incidents in the newsletter they should telephone the Police on 101 or Crimestoppers.

*This newsletter is a summary of crime incidents from reports supplied by Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk Police from Facebook and Twitter .*

The newsletter covers Acton, Alphamstone, Ashen, Belchamp St. Paul, Belchamp Walter, Bocking, Borley, Bradwell , Braintree Town areas, Bulmer, Bures, Burtons Green, Castle Hedingham, Chelmsford , Clare, Coggeshall, Colchester, Colne Engaine, Cornish Hall End, Cressing, Earls Colne, Feering, Finchingfield, Foxearth, Gestingthorpe, Gosfield, Great Bardfield , Great Henny, Great Maplestead, Great Notley , Great Yeldham, Greenstead Green, Halstead, Hatfield Peverel , Hitcham, Kelvedon, Lamarsh, Leigh-on-Sea, Leavenheath Little Baddow, Liston, Little Henny, Little Yeldham, Little Maplestead, Long Melford, Middleton, Ovington, Panfield, Pattiswick, Pebmarsh, Pentlow, Radwinter, Rayne, Rivenhall, Shalford, Sible Hedingham, Silver End, Stambourne, Stisted, Stoke by Clare, Southend, Sturmer, Sudbury, Terling, Tilbury Juxta Clare, Toppesfield, Twinstead, Wethersfield, White Ash Green, White Colne, Wickham St. Pauls, Witham.

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