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PRESS RELEASE

Public Alert: Increase in Tool Thefts Across St. Vincent and the Grenadines

December 5, 2024 - Kingstown: The Royal St. Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force is calling on all citizens, residents and visitors to remain vigilant following a rise in tool thefts from workshops, construction sites, and vehicles. This troubling trend is affecting tradespeople and homeowners alike, disrupting livelihoods and essential services in our neighborhoods.

What You Can Do to Help:

- **Secure Your Property:** Ensure tools and equipment are stored in secure locations. Lock workshops, sheds, and vehicles, especially overnight.
- **Install CCTV Cameras:** Surveillance cameras act as a strong deterrent to potential thieves and provide valuable evidence that can aid in identifying and prosecuting offenders.
- **Stay Alert:** Pay attention to unusual activity in your neighborhood. Report suspicious behavior immediately.
- **Work Together:** Strengthen ties with neighbors. A connected and observant community is a safer community.
- **Mark Your Tools:** Engrave or label tools with identifiable marks. This makes it easier for police to recover stolen items.
- **Report Incidents Quickly:** If you are a victim of theft or notice anything unusual, contact the police immediately.

The Royal St. Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force is actively addressing this issue through strategic measures aimed at deterring thefts, preventing further incidents, and closely investigating all reports. While not every measure may be immediately visible, please rest assured that targeted strategies are in place to hold those responsible accountable. We encourage everyone to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to help strengthen our collective efforts.

Contact Information:

- Criminal Investigations Department (CID): (784) 456-1810
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