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Dear Taxi Operators/Captains

CRIME ALERT: THEFT FROM VEHICLE - TAXI

Crime Cases

1. Recently, 2 cases of **theft from vehicle** and 3 cases of **mischief** relating to **taxis** have occurred at the vicinity of **Telok Blangah Crescent and Telok Blangah Rise Estates**. These taxis were parked overnight either at the open space or the multi-storey carparks. The culprits gained access into these taxis by smashing the rear passengers' windows and took away valuable belongings like cashcards, handphones and money that are left or exposed in the vehicles.

2. Besides these cases, a number of cases of **theft from vehicle** have also affected various areas in **Telok Blangah, Kreta Ayer, Chinatown and Tanjong Pagar**,

Crime Prevention Measures

3. Whilst the Police are stepping up our patrols at the vicinity, we strongly urge the vehicle owners to safeguard their vehicles properly and to adopt the following crime prevention measures:-

- Remove the ignition key and lock your vehicle properly, even if it is left unattended for awhile.
- Avoid parking at secluded and dim areas.
- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle.
- Remove the cashcard from the IU whenever you leave your vehicle.
- Use additional locking devices such as steering wheel lock, clutch and brake locks, gear lock etc
- Install an anti-vehicle theft alarm that is checked and serviced regularly.

4. You can also help to prevent crime by keeping a lookout for any suspicious person loitering in the neighbourhood. To report any crime cases, or to seek police assistance, please call **Bukit Merah East Neighbourhood Police Centre (BME NPC)** at 1800-236 9999 or our **police hot-line** at 999.

5. Thank you.

Yours Sincerely

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CRIME PREVENTION – A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY