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Dear Vehicle Owner

Crime Prevention Advisory – Theft from Vehicle (Metal Storage Box)

Between the months of September 2008 and March 2009, several cases of theft from vehicle were reported at URA's Maritime and Seah Im Rd open carparks along Telok Blangah Road. The culprits had targeted lorries or pick-ups installed with a metal storage box at the rear. They would force open the box by damaging or cutting off the lock securing the box and steal construction tools such as hand drills, electric saws/cutters ,etc. (see photos below for illustration of the metal storage box).



3 Police has since enhanced patrols and operations in the neighbourhood. You can prevent being the next victim by adopting the following crime prevention measures:

- a. Avoid leaving a large quantity of metallic items or tools overnight in your vehicle.
- b. Consider installing a vehicular alarm system that could be triggered by vibrations.
- c. Alternatively, you could also install a magnetic alarm system at the inner cover of the metal box cover. These devices are available off-the-shelf for less than \$10 at many hardware and DIY shops.



- d. Make distinctive labels or markings for your tools, to aid in investigations and recovery of the tools if they are stolen.

4 If you have any information pertaining to the above cases, or wish to report any suspicious persons loitering at the vicinity of the neighbourhood, please do not hesitate to contact **Bukit Merah East NPC at 1800 236 9999** or dial “999” if urgent Police assistance is required.

5 I look forward to your continued support and cooperation to make our neighbourhood a safer and secure one for all.

Yours Sincerely,

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CRIME PREVENTION – A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY